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1866	May 17.	Greeneville	D. W. Clark	J. F. Spence.
1867	October 3	Knoxville	C. Kingsley	J. F. Spence.
1868	October 8	Chattanooga	D. W. Clark	J. F. Spence.
1869	October 7	Jonesboro	M. Simpson	J. F. Spence.
1870	October 3	Knoxville	L. Scott	J. J. Manker.
1871	October 11	Greeneville	L. Scott.	J. J. Manker.
1872	October 2	Cleveland	S. M. Merrill	J. J. Manker.
1873	October 1	Knoxville	G. Haven.	J. J. Manker.
1874	September 30	Chattanooga	E. G. Andrews	J. J. Manker.
1875	September 29	Greeneville	T. Bowman	J. J. Manker.
1876	October 4	Kingston	L. Scott.	J. J. Manker.
1877	September 27	Knoxville	W. L. Harris.	J. J. Manker.
1878	October 2.	New Market	L. Scott	J. J. Manker.
1879	October 15	Knoxville	I. W. Wiley	J. J. Manker.
1880	October 20	Greeneville.	E. O. Haven.	J. D. Roberson.
1881	October 20	Maryville	E. G. Andrews	J. S. Hill.
1882	October 19	Chattanooga	M. Simpson	J. S. Hill.
1883	October 17	Knoxville	T. Bowman	J. S. Hill.
1884	October 16	Greeneville.	H. W. Warren	T. B. Russell.
1885	October 15	Johnson City	J. F. Hurst	T. B. Russell.
1886	October 21	Athens	W. F. Mallalieu	T. B. Russell.
1887	October 12	Knoxville	E. G. Andrews	T. B. Russell.
1888	October 10	Cleveland	J. N. FitzGerald	T. B. Russell.
1889	October 9	Dayton	I. W. Joyce	T. B. Russell.

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H. B. Ogle,	Andersonville
J. D. Winchester,	Hill City

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *Who are received by Transfer, and from what Conference?* L. E. Prentiss from North Ohio, H. J. Van Fossen from the Minnesota, T. C. Warner from Southern California, G. W. Coleman from South Kansas, L. H. Woodworth from Northwest Iowa, H. P. Shriner from the Virginia, and John Harrison from the Northwest Indiana Conferences.

2. *Who are Admitted on Trial?* J. W. Edwards, W. D. Gorman, H. L. Nestor, J. C. Harman, J. A. Kaull, L. S. Fuller, J. S. Jones, J. P. Morton, W. E. Grose, G. W. Clendenen, H. J. Hamilton, A. Y. Snavely.

3. *Who remain on Trial?* J. D. Winchester, J. C. Hodge, D. J. Nelson, W. S. Cagle, N. M. Baldwin, H. W. McKenzie, H. B. Ogle.

4. *Who are Discontinued?* None.

5. *Who are Admitted into Full Connection?* M. H. Monroe, J. W. McGee, J. L. Neely, I. H. Reneau.

6. *Who are Re-admitted?* None.

7. *Who are Received on Credentials from other Churches?* William B. Baldwin from the M. E. Church, South.

8. *What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?* J. L. Neely.

9. *What Traveling Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?* J. L. Neely.

10. *What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?* J. M. Brown, J. D. Winchester, M. C. Aleridge, J. P. Shultz, J. C. Harman, P. W. Shockly.

11. *What Local Preachers have been Ordained Deacons?* The six elected.

12. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the First Class?* A. G. Cadle, A. M. Rose, J. K. P. Marshall, W. R. Byerly, J. L. Neely.

13. *Who are the Traveling Deacons of the Second Class?* J. N. Kendall, J. L. McKenzie.

14. *What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?* G. B. Cox.

15. *What Traveling Deacons have been Ordained Elders?* G. B. Cox.

16. *What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?* None.

17. *What Local Deacons have been Ordained Elders?* None.

18. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?* R. O. Ayers, J. N. Baker, A. J. Bruner, A. E. Barnes, M. R. M. Burk, F. M. Cones, A. F. Creswell, J. B. Fitzgerald, J. H. Jennings, Wm. Kinsland, J. D. Lawson, J. B. Little, J. K. P. Marshall, J. N. Moore, F. G. Mellor, H. P. Shriner, S. Tinker.

19. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?* E. B. Clark, W. C. Daily, W. C. Graves, A. J. Greer, W. M. Haskell, S. W. Hyden, G. Julian, D. B. Lawton, W. R. Long, W. H. Rogers, A. G. Watkins.

20. *Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?* It was strictly in open Conference.

21. *Have any Died?* Moses Seaton.

22. *Have any been Transferred, and to what Conference?* Milton Brown, to Kentucky Conference.

23. *Have any Withdrawn?* I. A. Pearce.

24. *Have any been Located at their own Request?* None.

25. *Have any been Located?* None.

26. *Have any been permitted to withdraw under Charges?* None.

27. *Have any been Expelled?* None.

28. *Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?* T. R. West, T. S. Walker, A. B. Wright, W. T. Senter, D. Richardson, W. D. Smith, J. W. Mann.

29. *What is the Statistical Report for this Conference Year?* See Statistical Tables.

30. *What are the Claims on the Conference Fund?* Not fixed.

31. *What has been received on these Claims, and how has it been Applied?*

Received from Chartered Fund	$ 30 00
" " Book Concern	690 00
" " Conference Collections	255 00
Total	$975 00

Applied to Conference Claimants. [See Steward's Report.]

32. *Where are the Preachers Stationed?* See Appointments.

33. *Where shall the next Conference be held?* At Greeneville, Tenn.

APPOINTMENTS.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

G. W. Jarvis, P. E. (P. O. Athens, Tenn.)
Athens, L. H. Woodworth.
Athens Circuit, T. R. West.
Blue Spring, H. H. Burk.
Chatata, R. S. Sampson.
Cleveland, G. W. Coleman.
Cleveland Circuit, D. J. Nelson.
Decatur, J. F. Perry.
Ducktown, G. M. Stone.
Kingston, J. A. Baker.
Loudon, J. M. Durham.
Madisonville, G. M. Hicks.
North Athens, L. B. Caldwell.
Ooltewah, to be supplied.
Sewee Circuit, H. L. Nestor.
Sweetwater & Philadelphia, I. H. Miller.
Tellico (supply), J. F. M. Duggan.
Wildwood Circuit (supply), W. D. Stevenson.
J. F. Spence, Chancellor, J. C. Wright and R. J. Cooke, Professors in U. S. Grant University, members of Athens Quarterly Conference.
John Harrison, Agent U. S. Grant University, member Athens Quarterly Conference.
J. W. Edwards left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

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" Circuit, to be supplied.
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" Mission Ridge and Sherman Heights, J. N. Kendall.
" Ridgedale and Highland Park, T. C. Warner.
" Willhoit Church, J. W. Mann.
Crossville, to be supplied.
Dayton, W. S. Cagle.
Emory Gap, J. C. Harman.
Graysville, W. D. Smith.
Hamilton, J. W. McGee.
Hill City, J. D. Winchester.
Jasper (supply), John Swiney.
Pikeville, to be supplied.
Rockwood, W. B. Baldwin.
South Pittsburg, J. P. Morton.
South Pittsburg Circuit, to be supplied.
Spring City and Vine Grove, M. C. Bruner
Spring City Circuit (supply), W. R. Long.
Tracy City, (supply), T. C. Bruster.
T. C. Carter, Editor *Methodist Advocate*, member of Willhoit Church Quarterly Conference.
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Cumberland Gap and Tazewell, D. Richardson.
Fincastle, A. Y. Snavely.
Jamestown (supply) S. V. Lowe.
Jellico, W. C. Miller.
Maynardville, P. H. Reed.
Mount Vernon (supply), A. Dahuff.
Newcomb, T. A. Cass.
New River, W. D. Gorman.
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Oliver Springs, S. B. Scott.
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Fall Branch, G. B. Cox.
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Greeneville Circuit, B. Crist.
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Jonesborough (supply), W. H. Cox.
Kingsport, S. G. Ketron.
Mountain City (supply), M. C. Aleridge.
Newport, H. J. Hamilton.
Oakland, T. H. Hodge.
Parrottsville, I. H. Reneau.
Rogersville, J. H. Amis.
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" First Church, L. E. Prentiss.
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New Salem, P. H. Henry.
Sevierville, J. A. Nicholson.
Talbot (supply), W. C. Graves.
Thorn Grove, A. M. Rose.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE JOURNAL.

DAILY BUSINESS SESSIONS.

DAYTON, TENNESSEE, October 9th, 1889.

This conference convened in its Twenty-fifth Annual Session, in the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, at 9 o'clock this morning, Bishop Isaac W. Joyce, D. D., presiding.

In the opening service, the Bishop read various appropriate lessons from the Scriptures, and after singing the hymn, beginning:

"O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,"

he led the conference in prayer.

W. R. Long led in prayer, also.

The Conference roll was called by the Secretary of the last session, and thirty-one were found to be present.

E. S. Lewis and T. B. Russell were nominated for Secretary.

The ballot resulted in the election of T. B. Russell. E. S. Lewis was chosen Assistant Secretary, the Secretary making the nomination. H. J. Van Fossen was, in like manner, chosen additional Assistant Secretary.

J. H. Amis was elected Statistical Secretary, and allowed to nominate his Assistants. He, accordingly, nominated M. A. Rule and J. P. Morton, and the Conference confirmed the same.

T. S. Walker was elected Conference Treasurer, and T. H. Hodge and D. S. Hodsden, Assistants.

Responding to the call of the Districts, the Presiding Elders nominated the Standing and Special Committees. [See Committees.]

Rev. Dr. Savage, Rev. L. E. Prentiss, Rev. L. H. Woodworth, Rev. H. J. Van Fossen, Rev. Dr. Hartzell and Mrs. Bishop Joyce were introduced to the Conference.

The Bishop announced that the Conference was authorized to draw upon the Book Concern for $690.00, and on the Chartered Fund for $30.00. The drafts were ordered.

A paper on Episcopal Fund was read and referred to the Presiding Elders.

The sum of $1,000, apportioned to this Conference, to be raised for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society during the ensuing year was announced by the Bishop, and referred to the Presiding Elders.

J. S. Jones was appointed to collect the accounts due *The Gospel in All Lands.*

On motion of T. C. Carter, it was agreed that the committees on Education and on Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society should meet jointly, and that Dr. Hartzell be requested to meet with these committees.

The Bishop announced the transfer of L. E. Prentiss from the North Ohio, and that of H. J. Van Fossen from the Minnesota to the Holston Conference.

The Eighteenth Question was taken up and J. N. Baker, M. R. M. Burk, A. J. Bruner, J. D. Lawson, J. N. Moore, S. Tinker, A. E. Barnes, W. C. Daily, J. B. Little, W. R. Long, A. F. Creswell, J. K. P. Marshall, F. M. Cones, M. C. Bruner, and J. H. Jennings, were called and passed as Supernumerary Preachers.

The Nineteenth Question was taken up, and W. M. Haskell, W. C. Graves, S. W. Hyden, George Julian, D. B. Lawton, A. J. Greer, W. H. Rogers, E. B. Clark, and A. G. Watkins, were called and passed as Superannuated Preachers.

The Twentieth Question was next taken up, and J. S. Petty, after the passage of his character, read his report as Presiding Elder of the Knoxville District.

After which, the Effective Elders, R. C. Robertson, T. R. West, J. A. Ruble, L. E. Prentiss, R. O. Ayres, T. H. Russell, P. H. Henry, D. S. Hodsden, W. T. Senter, M. A. Rule, J. A. Nicholson and J. M. Durham, were approved,

The Kingston District was called, and the character of A. C. Perters approved, and he read his report. The Elders, J. A. Baker, S. B. Scott, R. S. Sampson, A. B. Wright, and S. Greear, were duly passed.

On motion of W. M. Haskell, the business hours were fixed from 8 a. m. to 11 : 30 o'clock a. m.

Rev. Dr. Savage took the floor and presented the claims of the American Bible Society.

Rev. Dr. Hartzell addressed the Conference in regard to the work of Education under the auspices of the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

Chancellor Spence read the Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of U. S. Grant University, and the same was referred to the Committee on Education.

Mr. Longbaum, of the Book Concern at Cincinnati, was introduced.

On motion of E. S. Lewis, a business session was ordered for this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

T. C. Carter moved that the Committees of Examination be permitted to examine those candidates who were not present at the appointed time.

S. Tinker moved as an amendment, that each candidate and committeeman be requested to explain to the Conference the reasons for their absence.

The amendment and the motion were adopted, and I. H. Reneau, J. W. McGee, and W. T. Senter, made statements accordingly.

L. E. Prentiss, J. J. Manker, H. J. Van Fossen, were appointed the committee on the fourth year's examination, in place of the regular committee.

S. Tinker was appointed on the committee of the second year, in the place of G. M. Stone.

The Bishop appointed W. C. Graves to preside at the afternoon session, and M. A. Rule to lead the devotions. J. A. Ruble was appointed to lead the devotions to-morrow morning.

After announcements and kind remarks by the Bishop, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Dr. Hartzell.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 2:15 by W. C. Graves. M. A. Rule led in prayer.

Some time was devoted to receiving reports from the Preachers in charges.

T. C. Carter announceed that G. W. Coleman was authorized to collect and receipt for amounts due the *Methodist Advocate*.

On motion, the Conference adjourned. Benediction by W. M. Haskell.

SECOND DAY.

DAYTON, TENNESSEE, October 10th, 1889.

The Conference assembled pursuant to adjournment, Bishop Joyce in the chair, the first half hour being devoted to religious service. J. A. Ruble led the same. The Minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The name of J. M. Durham was called, his character passed, and J. S. Petty presented his reports, the former being absent.

W. M. Haskell was placed on Committee of Examination for Local Deacons' Orders in the place of M. A. Rule.

On motion, W. C. Graves, J. D. Winchester and J. N. Kendall were added to the Committee on Tracts.

The Twentieth Question was resumed, and the Chattanooga District was called and J. J. Robinette, after the approval of his character, read his report. The effective Elders, A. B. Riker, W. C. Miller, W. D. Smith, M. M. Murrell, T. C. Carter, E. S. Lewis and W. R. Long were severally passed.

The transfer of Milton Brown to the Kentucky Conference was announced.

The name of J. J. Manker was called. The Presiding Elder knew of nothing against him, but stated that there were rumors afloat derogatory to his Christian character, and at his own request a committee of inquiry was appointed by the Bishop, as follows: W. H. Rogers, W. M. Haskell, W. R. Long, W. C. Graves, T. H. Hodge, J. A. Baker, W. C. Daily, R. S. Sampson and J. A. Ruble.

The Athens District was called, and the character of L. B. Caldwell was approved, and he read his report. The names of the following effective Elders were called and their characters passed: J. F. Perry, H. J. Van Fossen, R. J. Cooke, H. H. Burk, G. M. Stone, J. F. Spence, J. C. Wright, T. A. Cass, I. H. Miller, A. M. Rose.

On motion of T. B. Russell, W. C. Daily was granted a Superannuated Relation and placed on the list of claimants for the present year.

The Greeneville District was called, and the character of T. B. Russell was passed, and he read his report, after which the names of the following effective Elders were called, their characters passed, and they made their reports: T. S. Walker, J. D. Droke, B. Crist, J. W. Mann, S. G. Ketron, T. H. Hodge and J. B. Fitzgerald.

The Morristown District was called. G. W. Jarvis read his report, his character having passed. J. B. Seaton, J. L. Cardwell, J. H. Amis, G. M. Hicks, W. Kinsland and P. H. Reed were passed as effective Elders.

F. G. Mellor's character was passed, and he was granted a Supernumerary Relation.

L. H. Woodworth reported the Athens Station, and J. P. Morton the Morristown Circuit.

Rev. J. S. Hill, Principal of Morristown Seminary, was introduced.

W. M. Haskell moved that the Secretary be requested to publish the reports of the Pesiding Elders in the Minutes if the funds at hand would justify him to do so. The motion was adopted, with this understanding.

The report of the Joint Committee on Education and Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society was presented (in part) and read by T. C. Carter, and, after an address by Dr. Hartzell, the same was adopted.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Prof. Hill.

THIRD DAY.

DAYTON, TENNESSEE, October 11th, 1889.

The Conference met at 8:00 a. m., Bishop Joyce in the chair. The prayer meeting was led by L. E. Prentiss. The Minutes of yesterday's session were read, some slight corrections made, and they were approved.

Transfers announced: G. W. Coleman, T. C. Warner and L. H. Woodworth. [See Question 1.]

T. C. Warner and L. H. Woodworth were made effective.

The Special Committee of Inquiry in the case of J. J. Manker, reported as follows:

Your committee, after diligent inquiry, unanimously report that they find nothing reflecting, in the least degree, on the character of Rev. J. J. Manker.

W. H. ROGERS, Chairman.

J. A. RUBLE, Secretary.

The report was adopted and his character passed.

The Presiding Elders and the Secretaries were made a Publishing Committee for the Minutes of this session.

On motion of J. A. Ruble, a collection to pay a deficit of $21.00 in the Conference Minutes Fund for last year, was taken. Amount received in said collection, $21.60, for which the Secretary holds a receipt from S. B. Newman & Co., Knoxville, Tennessee.

On motion of T. C. Carter, $20.00 Missionary Money appropriated to Elizabethton and Roan Mountain last year, and unexpended, was applied to W. R. Byerly, and his receipt taken for the same, the Bishop and the Committee on Missions concurring in the above motion.

H. P. Shriner was received by transfer from the Virginia Conference, and granted a Supernumerary relation.

The Tenth Question was taken up, and the following were presented for Local Deacons' Orders: Jesse M. Brown, John D. Winchester, Monteville C. Aleridge, Jackson P. Shultz, John C. Harman and Perry W. Shockley, and they were duly elected.

The Fifth Question was called: *Who are Admitted into full connection?"* M. H. Monroe, J. W. McGee, J. L. Neely, I. H. Reneau, were called forward and addressed by the Bishop, and after recommendations from the Committee of Examination and their several Presiding Elders, they were admitted to full connection, and J. L. Neely was elected to Deacon's Orders.

A question being raised as to a special examination for certain applicants for admission on trial, J. D. Droke gave the reason for their absence from the regular examination, and moved that they be examined. The excuse was satisfactory, and the examination was allowed.

On motion of J. F. Spence, all persons deficient in their examinations for the present year, were required to appear before the proper committees next year and bring up all deficiencies.

Following this, E. S. Lewis presented the following:

Morton, Nestor, Fuller, Hamilton, Harmon, Clendenen, and Snavely, are to make up the Compendium of Methodism next year, and Morton and Nestor are to read Wesley's Sermons, also.

A. B. Riker presented the following, bearing on the same subject:

J. L. Neely, I. H. Reneau and J. W. McGee, of the class of the Second Year, failed to meet the requirement of the Conference in their examiation on Mediæval and Modern History by Thalhiemer, and were required to appear before the committee of the Second Year in that study.

The Twelfth Question was called, and J. K. P. Marshall, W. R. Byerly, A. G. Cadle, A. M. Rose, were continued in the First Class of Deacons.

Under Question Thirteenth, J. N. Kendall and J. L. McKenzie were placed in the Second Class of Deacons.

Question Fourteenth was taken up, and the name of George B. Cox was called, and it was stated that there was a question as to his case. It was accordingly passed for the present.

Third Question: Who Remain on Trial? was taken up, and J. D. Winchester, J. C. Hodge, D. J. Nelson, W. S. Cagle, N. M. Baldwin, H. W. McKenzie and H. B. Ogle, were called and duly passed to the Second Probationary Year.

J. W. Edwards and W. D. Gorman were placed with the class admitted on Trial, not having passed the required examinations.

J. A. Nicholson being absent on the first day, reported his charge at this time.

A. B. Riker made an addendum to his report, as Pastor of the First Church, Chattanooga.

Dr. E. A. Cobleigh, Dean of the College of Medicine of the U. S. Grant University; Prof. Fuller, of the New Market Seminary; Rev. Bro. Williamson, of the M. E. Church, South, and Dr. D. W. Hays, of the East Tennessee Conference, were introduced.

After announcements, the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Mr. Williamson.

FOURTH DAY.

DAYTON, TENN., October 12th, 1889.

The Conference met at 8:00 a. m., Bishop Joyce in the chair. The prayer-meeting was led by J. H. Amis.

The Minutes were read and approved.

A paper concerning the sale of a church lot at Jonesborough, Tennessee, was presented by T. B. Russell. The sale of said lot, as therein set forth, was ratified and confirmed, and the Presiding Elder of the Greeneville District was appointed to see that the stipulations of said contract be faithfully carried out.

The following Ministers were introduced: Rev. J. H. Parrott, of the M. E. Church, South; Rev. W. R. Brisco, of the Baptist Church, and Rev. Dr. Spencer, Secretary Church Extension Society.

The Bishop announced the Triers of Appeals. [See Question 28.]

M. C. Bruner was made effective, at his own request.

Wm. Kinsland, F. G. Mellor, R. O. Ayers, H. P. Shriner were placed in the Supernumerary Relation, they so requesting.

On motion of S. Tinker, the Conference voted to require each candidate for admission to abstain from the use of tobacco.

The Second Question was taken up: *Who are Admitted on Trial?* H. L. Nestor, John C. Harman, James A. Kaull, Lewis S. Fuller, James S. Jones, John P. Morton, William E. Grose, George W. Clendenen, Henry J. Hamilton, Adam Y. Snavely each agreeing to wholly desist from the use of tobacco, were duly admitted on probation.

L. B. Caldwell offered a paper, or papers, concerning the Rev. W. M. Thompson, who desired recognition as a Local Elder, coming from the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was so recognized, and the Bishop was authorized to make out his parchments accordingly.

E. S. Lewis presented a resolution concerning the examination of candidates for admission, and the several classes in the course of study, which was adopted.

T. C. Carter offered a resolution to the effect that the Trustees of Willhoit Church at Chattanooga had transferred a certain lot of ground to the *Methodist Advocate* Endowment Fund and Methodist Historical Society. The same was adopted and the action of said Trustees approved.

George B. Cox announced his decision to wholly desist from the use of tobacco, whereupon he was unanimously elected to Elders Orders.

Under Question Thirty-third, Greeneville, Tennessee, was chosen as the place of holding the next session of this Conference.

The Bishop announced the action of the General Conference in regard to the election of two ministers and two laymen to the Ecumenical Conference, and tellers being appointed the election proceeded. The first ballot resulted in no election.

On motion of L. E. Prentiss, the election then proceeded by nomination and hand vote. Accordingly, Rev. J. S. Petty and Rev. T. S. Walker were elected as ministerial delegates, and Rev. R. J. Cooke as reserve delegate. The election of laymen was as follows: B. Braine, W. M. Willhoit. M. D. Cone, reserve.

The attention of the Conference was called to the collections for the Board of Education by a letter from Dr. C. H. Payne.

On motion of G. W. Coleman, a committee was ordered to consider the propriety and advantage of organizing a Preachers' Aid Society. The committee was appointed, as follows: G. W. Coleman, W. H. Rogers, L. B. Caldwell.

The Statistical Secretary read his report, which was approved. [See Tables.]

The Committee on Tracts reported, through its Chairman, and the report was adopted.

The Committee on Church Extension reported, pending the adoption of which Rev. Dr. Spencer addressed the Conference on the subject presented in said report.

A. B. Riker presented the report of the Committee on Tobacco, which was approved. [See Report on file.]

W. R. Long presented the report of the Committee on Church Literature, which was approved and placed on file, Dr. Carter speaking to the Conference in regard to the interests of the *Methodist Advocate*, its endowment, and the Methodist Historical Society. He also read the charter of said Society.

Conference adjourned, Dr. Spencer pronouncing the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

DAYTON, TENNESSEE, October 13th, 1889.

The Conference Assembled at 8:00 a. m., Bishop Joyce in the chair. A. B. Riker led the prayer meeting. The Minutes were read and approved.

E. S. Lewis was granted leave of absence.

Dr. Spence read a letter from Mrs. A. C. Knight concerning the death of the little son of R. J. Cooke, and on motion a resolution of condolence was sent to Dr. Cooke and wife, signed by the Bishop and Secretary. Dr. Manker presented a resolution of condolence, which was adopted.

The Secretary read the certificate of Ordination of Deacons and Elders by Bishop Joyce.

The Bishop announced the transfer of John Harrison from the Northwest Indiana to this Conference.

The case of J. W. Burnett was referred to the Presiding Elder of the District in which he lives, complaints being alleged against him and immediate action enjoined.

J. S. Petty offered a resolution encouraging an increase in the collections for this Society.

J. B. Fitzgerald was placed in the Supernumerary Relation.

J. H. Amis was chosen Railroad Secretary.

Rev. W. B. Baldwin, of the M. E. Church, South, was introduced.

S. Tinker offered a resolution favoring the endowment of the *Methodist Advocate* and the Methodist Historical Society, which, after discussion, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Bible Cause presented its report, and the report was placed on file without reading.

The Board of Stewards reported, through J. J. Manker, and the report was adopted and the funds distributed. [See Stewards' Report.]

T. S. Walker, Conference Treasurer, presented his report by Districts, and the report was referred back to the committee for correction.

D. Richardson presented the report of the Committee on Temperance. The report was adopted, after remarks by G. W. Coleman, Dr. Caldwell and Dr. Riker.

T. C. Carter read the second part of the Report of the Committee on Education, and the report was adopted.

Dr. Spence addressed the Conference on this report.

On motion, the Bishop was requested to appoint A. B. Wright Agent of Sunbright Seminary.

On motion of J. J. Robinette, the relation of W. R. Long was changed from Supernumerary to Superannuated.

On motion, the Conference voted that when we adjourn, it be to meet at 2:00 this p. m.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported. Adopted.

The Committee on District Conference Records reported. Adopted.

The Auditing Committee made its report, which was adopted.

T. R. West presented a paper on Lake Wildwood Camp-meeting and Educational Association, which was adopted.

A. B. Riker was requested to write a series of articles on Camp-meetings, and publish the same in the Methodist Advocate.

On motion, the Agent of the Book Concern was authorized to call the names of those who failed to see him in regard to their accounts.

Adjourned to meet at 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at 2:30 p. m., Chancellor Spence in the chair. The Minutes were read and approved.

The Committee on Postoffices reported, and the report was adopted.

W. H. Rogers was elected Vice-President of the Historical Society.

The Committee on the State of the Church reported, and the report was adopted.

J. J. Robinette presented a resolution on Finances, and the same was approved.

T. C. Carter presented the report of the Committee on Episcopal Residence, which was approved.

T. C. Carter offered a resolution on Church Literature, and it was adopted.

The Conference Treasurer presented his corrected report, which was approved.

Rev. W. B. Baldwin was admitted into the Conference upon the authority of his credentials as an effective Elder, coming from the M. E. Church, South.

A resolution of thanks was presented by A. B. Riker to the citizens of Dayton and the Presiding Elder and Pastor of this Church, and adopted by rising vote.

A resolution was offered by T. H. Russell in appreciation of Bishop Joyce's brotherly work among us. Adopted by rising vote.

The Committee on Missions reported through J. J. Robinette, and the report was adopted.

Various other resolutions of courtesy were offered and adopted.

The Conference Roll was called and subscriptions for the publication of the Minutes were taken.

J. A. Ruble read the report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance, and the report was adopted.

The hymn beginning:

"Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love,"

was sung, and the Bishop led the Conference in the closing prayer, after which the appointments were read, and the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

THOMAS B. RUSSELL, *Secretary.* ISAAC W. JOYCE, *President.*

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE.

I certify that this pamphlet contains true copies of the proceedings, reports and resolutions of the twenty-fifth session of the Holston Conference.

THOMAS B. RUSSELL, Secretary,
Jonesboro, Tenn.

REPORTS.

JOINT REPORT OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION AND FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

Your committees have carefully considered the general subject of education as brought to their attention by the various documents referred to them. It is a matter of profound thankfulness to God that at no time in the history of the church has there been so large a multitude of young men and women in the institutions of learning throughout our Zion. The enrollment for the past year in all the schools of the church was 32,000.

THE FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

To this Society has been committed the great work of superintending and aiding in the development of the educational institutions of the church among both white and colored people in the Southern States. Of the 32,000 students in the schools of the whole church 8,000, or one-fourth, are in our schools in the South, and fully 3,000 of this number are in schools among our white people of this section. This society has, during the past year, expended over $15,000 within the bounds of the Holston Conference in educational work. It is a wonderful providence that has thus developed a great organization representing the whole church to help carry forward our educational work. We rejoice in what the church is doing in the education of the colored people. And we are also glad that there is an increased interest through the whole church in favor of larger aid to the educational work among our white people in the South.

This Society asks the Holston Conference to raise $1,000 the coming year. This is a small request in view of the work it has in hand and of the aid given to our own schools; and we pledge ourselves as a Conference to raise the full amount asked.

U. S. GRANT UNIVERSITY.

It is with great joy that we report that the movement to unify Grant Memorial and Chattanooga Universities, discussed and commended at the last session of the Conference, has been crowned with success. The two institutions are now one, with one Chancellor and Board of Trustees.

The consummation of this union has been heartily approved by the whole church through the voice of the Bishops and the press. It came as the result of many and prayerful consultations between the Society at Cincinnati, under the leadership of Dr. J. C. Hartzell as Corresponding Secretary, and the Boards of Trustees at Chattanooga and Athens. No educational event in the history of the church in the South promises more for the future spiritual and intellectual welfare of the church than does this Central University, with a system of affiliated academies in the central South.

Under the present status of things the schools at Athens and Chattanooga are permitted to continue their work largely as heretofore.

Two new schools have been organized by the new corporation, viz: a Mechanical or Technical School in Athens, and the School of Medicine in Chattanooga.

The plan as embodied in the *new charter*, and accepted by all parties, is as follows:

1st. The Colleges of Liberal Arts, Law and Medicine are to be in Chattanooga; the College of Theology and School of Technology, with the present college classes remaining to graduation, are to be in Athens.

2nd. At both centers, academic departments, including college preparatory, normal and English courses, will be maintained. Also departments in music, art, &c.

The organization of any new schools or departments is with the Board of Trustees.

The combined faculty of the two schools, according to catalogue, numbers forty-eight, each department having able and experienced teachers. Professors Stauber and Garvin are excused from active duty to raise funds.

The property as now controlled under the new corporation, consisting of lands, buildings, apparatus, libraries, scholarships, endowments and bequests is estimated to be worth at least $300,000.

In the month of April the Grand View hotel building in Athens, costing the company or syndicate about $40,000, was purchased by Dr. Spence for the Trustees of Grant Memorial University for $15,000.

The building is 170 feet front by 130 feet deep, three stories high, containing about 80,000 square feet of flooring. It will require about $10,000 to complete and furnish the inside of said building, and when finished will be the most splendid school building south of the city of Washington.

The chapel will have a seating capacity of 1,500 persons. The arrangement now is, to have water pipes through the entire building and lighted with electricity.

The plans and specifications for its completion are now ready, and much material has been purchased and a number of mechanics are now at work. The intention is to have it ready for dedication by next commencement.

This great Central University is surrounded by a scholastic gymnasia of affiliated academies or preparatory schools. Of these there are fifteen in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia. The trustees have extended the courtesy of *one free scholarship* to each of the seventy-eight G. A. R. posts in Tennessee. With these, and our seven white conferences in the central South as helpers, we ought to win a marvelous success in the near future.

The College of Medicine recently founded is located in Chattanooga. E. A. Cobleigh, M. D., was elected Dean, with eighteen associate professors. The trustees have secured a good two-story brick building at a nominal rent, centrally located and well adapted for clinical and dissecting purposes. Some $300 for repairs and furnishings have been raised by the citizens.

The medical faculty, with but one exception, have generously, donated their services for this year. For this generous and active interest upon their part we would commend the school, not only to this Conference but to the entire patronizing territory.

We ask that upon your part there may be equally as active and generous interest manifested in securing students and helping to build up and strengthen this young medical school. The school has opened under the most favorable auspices, and all are hopeful of the rapid growth of the College of Medicine.

Plans are being matured for the building of a large brick dor-

mitory for the better accommodation of young men who may desire to board themselves and thus reduce expense. With the present splendid structure and the proposed dormitory, the Chattanooga department will have capacity for over 200 students.

The enrollment at the present date, both in Athens and Chattanooga, is 30 per cent. in advance of the same date, one year ago.

It is confidently expected that the annual enrollment of the united schools will reach 500, while the enrollment for the entire system during the year will exceed 2,000.

Resolved, 1, That as a Conference we hereby express our thankfulness to God for the organization and auspicious beginning of U. S. Grant University.

Resolved, 2, That we authorize and direct the Board of Trustees of Grant Memorial University, in which the titles to the lands, buildings, endowments, &c., at Athens are vested, to transfer the same to the Board of Trustees of U. S. Grant University as rapidly as can reasonably be done under the plan of unification.

Resolved, 3, That the following are hereby elected Trustees in the Grant Memorial University to fill the place of the class whose term expires in 1889, viz: W. F. Mallalieu, J. C. Hartzell, J. R. Gettys, Wm. Rule, H. B. Case and E. H. Matthews.

Resolved, 4, That the Bishop is hereby requested to appoint the following brethren to positions in the faculty of U. S. Grant University: John F. Spence, Chancellor; E. S. Lewis, Dean of College of Liberal Arts, and R. J. Cooke and J. C. Wright, Professors.

Resolved, 5, That J. S. Petty, L. E. Prentiss and T. S. Walker are hereby appointed members of the Board of Visitors; the first named for three years, the second for two years, and the third for one year.

Resolved, 6, That we accept the apportionment of one thousand dollars to be raised the ensuing year for the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, and that the Presiding Elders apportion the amount among the various charges, and that we pledge ourselves as pastors to give one service at each appointment to this cause.

I. HOLSTON SEMINARY.

This Institution is located within the bounds of the Knoxville District, and has enjoyed some prosperity during the past year. The Trustees have recently elected Prof. L. S. Fuller as Principal. Important repairs have been made upon the property, and between fifty and sixty students have already enrolled.

Owing to a recent action of the Board of Trustees, in which they have associated an outside party in the control of said property and thereby jeopardizing the interests of this Conference, we would respectfully recommend the appointment of J. F. Spence, L. E. Prentiss and W. T. Senter, as a committee with full authority to protect our interests in said Holston Seminary. We also recommend the appointment of Prof. L. S. Fuller as principal of the Seminary.

II. WARREN COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

This school, during the past year, enrolled 130 students. The Trustees have recently elected Rev. M. H. Monroe Principal, and the school has opened under favorable auspices. We heartily commend this Institution to its patronizing territory.

A debt of nearly $2,000 has accumulated upon this property. To aid the Trustees in its liquidation, we respectfully request the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society to appropriate $500, on condition said debt shall be paid.

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of Rev. M. H. Monroe as Principal and Financial Agent of said Institution.

III. POWELL'S VALLEY SEMINARY.

This Institution is enjoying unusual prosperity—present enrollment 150. The buildings and facilities are first-class for Academic training. The Trustees have recently elected Prof. E. R. Ling, a graduate of Grant Memorial University, as Principal. He is provided with good assistants.

We most heartily commend this school to our church and the friends of a liberal education within its patronizing territory.

IV. KINGSLEY SEMINARY.

Prof. Joseph H. Ketron, A. M., the founder and successful teacher, is still at the head of this Institution. Its prosperity was unprecedented during the past year.

The location is first-class, the patronizing territory extensive, and the school is of importance to our church, and we heartily commend it to our people.

V. PARROTTSVILLE SEMINARY.

This school is located in Cocke County, not far from the North Carolina line. The enrollment during the past year was over 100.

Prof. J. M. Williams, A. B., a classical graduate of the Grant Memorial University, has been elected Principal. The building

and grounds are valuable and admirably suited for Academic purposes.

We recommend this young and growing school to our church and friends in Cocke and adjoining counties.

VI. OAKLAND SEMINARY.

This Institution is located at Laurel Gap, Greene County, Tenn. The large building, surrounded by fifteen dormitories, with a splendid campus, is very attractive to the youths who are seeking a liberal education.

This school is prosperous and promises great usefulness. Prof. Wilber W. Weems is now Principal, and the outlook for a large school was never better.

VII. MOUNTAIN CITY ACADEMY.

This Institution, accepted by the Holston Conference at its last session, has opened its annual session under the most favorable auspices. Prof. Samuel A. Crockett, B. S., a graduate of Grant University, is at the head of this school.

VIII. SUNBRIGHT SEMINARY.

This school is located on the Cumberland Plateau, in a beautiful village on the Cincinnati Southern Railway. The Trustees ask the Holston Conference to accept this Institution as one of the affiliated schools of the U. S. Grant University. They also desire that the Conference confirm the Board of Trustees and appoint the Financial Agent. The patronizing territory is vast and the population rapidly increasing. Therefore,

Resolved, That we accept said school as a Conference Seminary, and confirm Rev. A. B. Wright, L. H. Mosier, T. C. Carter, D. D., A. C. Peters, W. E. Knight, Rufus Jones, J. M. Brown, W. D. Wright, Thos. Mitchell, P. J. Neil, J. E. Fulton and Rev. H. B. Ogle, as Trustees.

Resolved, That we recommend Rev. A. B. Wright as Financial Agent for Sunbright Seminary for the ensuing year.

OTHER SCHOOLS.

While we rejoice at the prosperity of our educational work throughout the connection, and are thankful for the communications received from them, we yet feel that it is our duty to turn our entire energy toward the upbuilding of the educational work within the bounds of our Conference.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

WHEREAS, The Board of Education is doing a work second to none in its importance in the way of the education of worthy, but indigent, young men, preparing for the ministry, and its benificent hand has been most generously extended to the Holston Conference, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our full endorsement of the Educational Board of our church, and pledge ourselves to observe Children's Day, so far as practicable, in our charges, and thereby urge the rightful claims of this Society upon the attention of our people.

A. B. RIKER, *Chairman.*

T. C. CARTER, *Secretary.*

CHURCH EXTENSION.

WHEREAS, The Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, is one of its most efficient agencies in the promotion of our work in the Southern Conferences, and,

WHEREAS, The Holston Conference has been extensively aided in the erection of many comfortable houses of worship, thereby encouraging our hearts and strengthening our efforts in the prosecution of the work, and,

WHEREAS, The Missionary Society needs its co-operation in order to the more successful fulfillment of its great mission, therefore,

Resolved, That we will do what we can to acquaint our people with the purpose and practical working of this Society.

Resolved, That we will fairly and earnestly present its claims, asking liberal contributions for its support.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to raise, if possible, the full amount assessed to our respective charges.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. SMITH, *Chairman.*

CHURCH LITERATURE.

Untold good is accomplished through the agency of the press of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is unsurpassed in the world.

The object of Church Literature is to inform the people as to the doctrines, usages, economy, spirituality, and general history of the church. It strengthens the ministry with increased ability

to go forward in the great work of enlightening the masses in regard to education and every interest of the church. It fearlessly and strongly reproves Romanism, Mormanism, sin of every kind, and advocates the sanctity of the Sabbath.

When the great teachings of Church Literature shall be heeded by the people, then no longer shall the whistle of the engine and roar of the trains upon the Sabbath day be deafening to our ears and insulting to our Christianity.

Church Literature, wherever taken and read, is very beneficial to the families. It greatly aids parents in training their children for God and in starting them in a noble life work for humanity.

We heartily recommend the Literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church to all our people, and to others, also. We urge the ministry to be active in the introduction of it into the families of our church and elsewhere. Thousands of families are starving, intellectually and morally, on novel reading and other trashy literature, when, if these were exchanged for healthy literature, their homes would be happier, faces brighter, songs sweeter, and the soul rejoicing in God. The *Christian Advocate*, *The Western Christian Advocate*, and others of a general character, and still others not so general, are doing a grand work for the church. We recommend them to all.

We recommend, especially, *The Methodist Advocate*, edited by Rev. T. C. Carter, D. D., to our brethren in the South.

The Methodist Advocate is doing a nobler work for us in the South than any other, and we do earnestly urge our preachers to increase their energies in its circulation.

We do earnestly recommend to all our preachers, and, also, preachers of other denominations, the *Methodist Review*.

W. R. LONG, *Chairman*.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

Whereas, The Board of Managers of the Sunday-school Union suggest, that the necessity of the Sunday-school work in the various parts of our country, especially in the South and West, demands that an increase in the collections for the Sunday-school Union be made during the coming year. It being found necessary to apportion among the Conferences—to be raised during the coming year—the sum of fifty thousand dollars for the Sunday-school Union, the sum apportioned to the Holston Conference for this purpose is $135.00.

WHEREAS, The Board of Managers request that this amount be divided among the Districts, and then by each Presiding Elder be apportioned among the charges;

Therefore your committee would recommend the plan of the Board of Managers, and request that all the Pastors use diligence to see that the amounts apportioned to their respective charges be collected.

M. M. MURRELL, *Chairman.*

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Your Committee rejoice greatly with you in the world-wide increasing demand for the Holy Scriptures. We are also glad that this increasing demand is provided for by the British, Foreign and American Bible Societies in the providing annually of 5,000,000 copies of the Holy Scriptures, and in upwards of 200 languages and dialects, and that these are sent over nearly the entire globe. All Domestic and Foreign Missions are also supplied from these Societies.

The issues of the American Bible Society for seventy-one years, up to May last, were 51,000,000 copies. The grants of last year only were 27,000.

The Society is now canvassing the entire United States the fourth time.

Families visited the last year	567,000
Those found destitute were	66,951
Families supplied	46,253
Individuals supplied	27,993

In Tennessee alone, during the last four years, 152,000 families were visited.

Families destitute	30,000
Supplied	25,000
The whole distributed	180,000

Of which 80,000 were donated by the American Bible Society, and by a near proximate 30,000 within the bounds of our own Holston Conference.

In consideration of this, the grandest work that can occupy the human mind, we, as a committee, recommend additional vigilence and energy in this Conference in this great work the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

WILLIAM H. ROGERS, *Chairman.*

TRACTS.

Your Committee on Tracts beg leave to present the following:

A great many of the human family cannot be reached by any other method than through the distribution of Tracts. The demands upon the Tract Society were never more pressing than now, owing to the increase of our population and the advancement of our Church at home and abroad. And in order to meet the expenses of printing and sending out these publications, it has been found necessary to apportion among the Conferences, to be raised during the coming year, the sum of $50,000 for the Tract Society.

The sum apportioned to the Holston Conference is $135.00.

WHEREAS, Being impressed with the importance of this work, we therefore recommend the Conference to assign the above apportionment to the Presiding Elders, to be divided among the Districts and the charges severally.

We furthermore earnestly recommend that the Pastors use their best efforts to raise the full amount apportioned their respective charges.

J. W. McGEE, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE EXAMINATIONS.

1. The first-named of each committee shall be its chairman.

2. The chairman of each committee shall, in the first two months of the Conference year, assign to each member the books upon which he is expected to examine the class, and notify him accordingly.

3. The examinations shall be based upon the prescribed text-books, and not upon the general knowledge that the candidate may have of the subject.

4. The Presiding Elders shall promptly notify the Chairmen of the Committees on Trial and Orders, of all candidates recommended by the District Conferences.

5. All candidates for examination must meet their committee on the day before the opening of the Conference, notice having been given each candidate by mail, at least thirty days previously.

In General: This Conference considers the Conference examinations worthy of the careful attention of all concerned in them.

They are not optional with the preachers, but indispensable to their advancement in the Conference classes, and should neither be evaded, abridged, nor neglected in any way. We consider it an essential part of each candidate's duty as a Methodist preacher to provide himself with the books prescribed by the Bishops, early in the year, and to study them according to the letter and the spirit of the Discipline. We ask all the brethren to co-operate with the candidates for examination by encouraging them in their work and assisting them to procure the books. We advise the organization of ministerial institutes in all the districts, by means of which the advantages of intellectual culture may be emphasized and the helpful influences of such study and instruction made available to all the preachers.

E. S. LEWIS, *Chairman.*

TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to present the following: The monstrous evil of intemperance continues to blast this fair land, socially and religiously. We, therefore, echoing the voice of our Church, as expressed by the General Conference in its session in May, 1888, on Temperance and Legal Prohibition:

Resolved 1, That we are unalterably opposed to the enactment of laws that propose by license, taxing or otherwise to regulate the drink traffic, because they provide for its continuance and afford no protection against its ravages. We hold that the proper attitude of Christians toward this traffic one of uncompromising opposition, and while we do not presume to dictate to our people as to their political affiliations, we express the opinion that they do not permit themselves to be controlled by party organizations that are managed in the interest of the liquor traffic.

Resolved, 2, And while we do not believe that any Christian should take his politics into his religion, we do believe every Christian should take his religion into his politics, and we so advise our preachers to so instruct our people, both in private and in public.

Resolved, 3, That we will pray the Great Head of the Church to give us the victory over this great evil, intemperance.

D. RICHARDSON, *Chairman.*

TOBACCO.

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco is at once an expensive and

useless habit, turning vast sums of money into hurtful channels, injuring the health of its consumers, entailing disastrous consequences upon posterity, and rendering ministers of the Gospel incapable of performing some of the most delicate and sacred functions of their high calling; therefore, be it

Resolved 1, That we heartily approve of the action of the General Conference requiring all incoming members of the Conference to pledge themselves wholly to abstain from the use of tobacco, and that we make the same requirement of the candidates for admission on trial.

Resolved 2, That we deprecate any tendency to violate this requirement of the Discipline.

Resolved 3, That inasmuch as we require our incoming members to wholly abstain from tobacco, we pledge ourselves to be consistent with this action by wholly abstaining from its use, also.

Resolved 4, That on the principle that what is unclean for a Christian minister, is also unclean for a Christian man, we will preach on the subject and urge all our people who use tobacco to cease from its use; that as a church, preachers and people, we may have a clean record on this subject.

A. B. RIKER, *Chairman.*

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

We see with feelings of sadness, a tendency to destroy the sanctity of the Christian Sabbath. This manifests itself in Sunday excursions, games played on the Sabbath day in public parks, and in the open saloons, that are demanding the overthrow of this Bible institution.

Resolved, That we are profoundly impressed that, with the proper observance of the Sabbath, the prosperity of the church and also the morals of the country, rests, and that, from the pulpit we will lift our voices in the defense of the Fourth Commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

T. C. CARTER, *Chairman.*

J. A. RUBLE, *Secretary.*

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We desire in the spirit of the Master to call attention to the fact that so few of our people have family altars.

Other things being equal, family prayer greatly promotes personal piety and the chances of holding our children to the church.

Again we note with solicitude the fact that many of our people are breaking away from the landmarks of the fathers touching the matter of class meetings. Methodism in its marvelous success owes much to this institution and blessed means of grace.

We would direct attention to the suggestive fact that our people are doing so little in support of our publishing interests. Vital piety depends in a measure on the people being well fed with good literature. So very few of our people take any one of our church papers. If we would hold our young people we must furnish them reading matter. The spirit manifested among some of our people to ignore the law of the church in the organization and conduct of Sunday-schools, together with the fact that they go outside of our church to supply them with literature, is a vital wrong and must be rebuked.

Resolved, That as pastors we will both by precept and example enforce the duty of family prayer and class meeting.

Resolved, That feeling the importance of our literature, we will put forth earnest effort to induce our people to take at least one church paper for every family.

T. C. CARTER, *Chairman.*

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

Your committee on Episcopal Residence beg leave to report:

1. That we deem the erection of an "Episcopal Residence" by the Methodists of the Central South of great importance to the church in this territory.

2. That we recommend said Episcopal Residence to be erected at Chattanooga or Knoxville, the place to be decided by the donors, each one expressing at the time his gift is made, his preference as to place.

3. That the five Presiding Elders and the following Laymen be appointed a committee and constitute a Board of Trustees on behalf of said residence: T. F. Stewart, M. L. Julian, W. A. Galbraith, Orville Taylor, and W. A. Allen.

Submitted by T. C. CARTER,
Chairman.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

The Committee on District Conference Records report as follows;

The Records of the Chattanooga, Athens and Greeneville Districts have been examined and found in good condition. The records of the remaining Districts have not been presented to the Conference.

J. W. McGEE, *Chairman.*

AUDITING ACCOUNTS.

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the accounts of the Presiding Elders, and find that the money received by them has been expended as the Discipline provides.

J. L. NEELY, *Chairman.*

STEWARD'S REPORT.

The following amounts have been received:

From the Chartered Fund	$ 30 00
" " Book Concern	690 00
" " Conference Collections	255 00
Total Receipts	$975 00

Disbursed as follows:

To Mrs. W. T. Jones	$ 85 00	taken by	
" " Cobleigh	85 00	" "	Caldwell.
" " Hughes	35 00	" "	Droke.
" " Guthrie	25 00	" "	Julian.
" " Forester	25 00	" "	Peters.
" " Morrison	25 00	" "	Hodge.
" " Duggan	25 00	" "	.....
" " Murphy	25 00	" "	.....
" " Milburn	25 00	" "	Walker.
" " Still	25 00	" "	Julian.
" " Henry	30 00	" "	Henry.
" " Ballenger	25 00	" "	Ayers.
" " Carter	25 00	" "	Smith.
" " Seaton	20 00	" "	Walker.
D. B. Lawton	65 00	" "	Manker.
W. C. Graves	60 00	" "	himself.
A. J. Greer	60 00	" "	Amis.
E. B. Clark	60 00	" "	.....
W. M. Haskell	60 00	" "	himself.
W. H. Rogers	60 00	" "	"
W. C. Daily	65 00	" "	"

G. Julian	40 00	taken by himself.
S. W. Hyden	25 00	" " Haskell.
Total Disbursed	$975 00	

J. J. MANKER, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

ATHENS DISTRICT.

Athens, North	$ 200 00
Cleveland	50 00
Ducktown	80 00
Kingston	150 00
Ooltewah	50 00
Sweetwater and Philadelphia	40 00
Tellico	50 00
Total	$620 00

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

Chattanooga Circuit	$ 50 00
Hill City	150 00
Mission Ridge and Sherman Heights	150 00
Ridgedale and Highland Park	100 00
Willhoite Church	100 00
Dayton	200 00
Rockwood	120 00
South Pittsburg	200 00
Tracy City	50 00
" " Circuit	50 00
Total	$1,170 00

CLINTON DISTRICT.

Clinton and Coal Creek	$ 100 00
Cumberland Gap and Tazewell	60 00
Maynardville	50 00
Newcomb	50 00
Oliver Springs	50 00
Speedwell	40 00
Sunbright and Glen Mary	200 00
Total	$550 00

GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.

Elizabethton and Roan Mountain	$ 80 00
Ervin	40 00
Greeneville	60 00
Johnson City	200 00
Jonesboro	50 00
Newport	50 00
Rogersville	150 00
Sneedville	100 00
Watauga	40 00
Whitesburg	60 00
Total	$830 00

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

Emert Cove	$ 70 00
Knoxville, Asylum Street	300 00
" North	500 00
Maryville	100 00
Morristown and Newport	250 00
Morristown Circuit	80 00
Talbott	30 00
Total	$1,330 00
Total to the Conference	$4,500 00

Respectfully submitted.

J. S. PETTY, *President.*

J. J. ROBINETTE, *Secretary.*

I concur in the above appropriations.

ISAAC W. JOYCE.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

This certifies that, October 13, 1889, in Dayton, Tennessee, I ordained as Deacons in the Methodist Episcopal Church, James L. Neely, Jesse M. Brown, John D. Winchester, M. C. Aleridge, Jackson P. Shultz, John C. Harmon and Perry W. Shockley; and the same day, in the same place, assisted by Elders, I ordained George B. Cox an Elder in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ISAAC W. JOYCE.

DAYTON, TENNESSEE, October 13, 1889.

MEMOIRS.

REV. MOSES SEATON.

The date of Brother Seaton's birth is lost, but he was about 60 years of age at the time of his death, which occurred April 17th, 1889, at the residence of Mrs. Murphy, in Mountain City, Johnson County, Tenn.

Brother Seaton was born, raised, converted, and is now buried on a farm on Horse Creek, near a postoffice that is called by the name of the stream on which it is located, in Greene County, Tenn., and near Cedar Grove Methodist Episcopal Church. He was converted about the year 1848, and in due time was licensed to preach the Gospel, and joined the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and traveled four or five years before the war and then located. August 13, 1861, he was united in marriage with Mary A. Stanfield, of Bradley County, Tenn. Of this union six children were born, four of whom, with their mother, survive him. During the war he was unswerving in his devotion to the Union, and came near losing his life for this devotion by one who had been a fellow itinerant.

After the reorganization of the Holston Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, he promptly identified himself with the mother church. In October, 1869, he was readmitted into the traveling connection at Jonesboro, and stationed on the Kingsport Circuit. The next year he was in charge of the St. Clair Circuit, and the following year on Rheatown Circuit. Then for two years was again sent to St. Clair. He was sent to Greeneville Circuit in 1875-6, and the three following years to St. Clair again. In 1880 he was sent to labor on the Fall Branch Circuit, and the following year his name appears in the Supernumerary list. He was made effective in October, 1883, and stationed on Erwin Circuit, and the following year labored on Jonesboro Circuit, and at the close of the year was again placed in the Supernumerary relation. In 1886, he was again effective and appointed to the Watauga Circuit, where he had labored the preceding year as a supply. One year later he was appointed to the Taylorsville Circuit, and at the last session of the Holston Confer-

ence was returned to the same charge, with its name changed to Mountain City Circuit.

While his work was successful in all these years, it is the opinion of those whose opportunities were best to know that his last year and a half were the most successful of any equal period of his life. During the last few months of his life he witnessed almost, or quite, two hundred conversions, besides doing other work that had long been neglected that gives a compactness to our Methodist organization that it, perhaps, never had before, notwithstanding his many and successful predecessors.

Of his last hours we know but little, but we know of his life and its trials, and we feel sure that his trials ended with his life. When he became aware that his end was near, he indited his last will and testament in the morning of the 17th of April, and in the afternoon he went into a quiet sleep that continued for sometime, and his nurse softly stepped to his bedside and found him sleeping in that sweet repose that knows no waking but that of the final trump of God. Dying away from his family and home, yet in the midst of friends, with every comfort that means and loving hearts could bestow, he passed away. Our Conference death roll is increased, and the roll of the saved, triumphant host has also increased.

T. S. WALKER.

MRS. BELLE V. PETTY.

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints."

Our subject, Sister Belle V. Petty, whose maiden name was Campbell, was born in Cleveland, Tenn., July 30th, 1849, and passed, as we fondly trust, to the Heavenly home September 9th, 1889.

April 16th, 1878, she was united in marriage with Rev. J. S. Petty, a worthy member of Holston Conference, with whom she lived most happily until the hush of death brought the sad severing.

Five children were born as the fruits of this marriage, three of whom died while in the tenderness and innocence of infancy. For eleven years sister Petty was the light of a happy home, and mysterious is that Prvidence by which one in womanhood's middle day, doing her part so nobly, so faithfully, as the wife of an itinerant minister, is taken away.

But blessed thought:

"Faith beholds the dying here,
Translated to that glorious sphere."

The affliction of Sister Petty was protracted, her sufferings intense, but through all she was a most beautiful example of Christian patience.

It is but a just tribute to the memory of the departed to say that in all relations in life, as wife, mother, neighbor, friend, and Christian, she exhibited sunshine and gentleness of disposition, sacrifice and devotion to the Church, and for family a fondness and affection that never wearied. Truly, this life now taken from us and transplanted in the Eden on high, is a rich legacy. As we recall it, may we gather inspiration and go forth with greater devotion in the Master's cause.

While with friends it was well understood that the end was only a question of time, death came suddenly and unexpectedly as to time. The husband was away, performing the duties of his office as Presiding Elder. As the end approached, she made anxious inquiry. The last words that quivered on the lips of love in death were these: "Has he come?" When at last the morning breaketh and the question is repeated in the heavenly tongue, "has he come?" may the answer be yes, and all the family is with him.

J. A. RUBLE.

MRS. G. W. JARVIS.

Almeda Frances, daughter of Col. Joseph and Mary A. Campbell, was born near Sneedville, Hancock County, Tenn., Feb. 19, 1861, and departed this life July 25, 1889, at her home in Sneedville. She was married to Rev. G. W. Jarvis, a member of the Holston Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Nov. 9, 1880, at that time pastor of the Fincastle and Speedwell charge, on which the first year of his married life was spent Although a probationer in the church for many years previously, she dated her conversion to God from June 14, 1881, when, at Well Springs, in a little upper room, in a house occupied by the family of Rev. T. S. Walker, she received the divine testimony of her acceptance with God, and adoption into His family through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thenceforth her Christian life was uniform, consistent and devoted. Her piety was not demonstrative, but was deep, earnest and constant, manifesting itself by a spirit of

abiding faith in Christ, cheerful resignation to His will, and a patience, under His afflicting hand, which would not murmur or complain, even when the severest strokes were experienced from Him. The fever, which terminated her life, manifested itself July 2nd, and for twenty-three days held her in its grasp in spite of all which medical skill could devise, and the most tender and assiduous nursing could do to enable her to overcome it. During this long and severe illness her Christian virtues shone resplendently.

She seemed, from the beginning of her sickness, to apprehend a fatal result. On the arrival of her husband from a remote part of his district, the first week of her illness, she expressed to him her impression that she would never recover; and while anxious for his sake, and for the sake of their little ones, whom she so tenderly loved, to get well if the Lord willed it, she was perfectly resigned to "Trust it all with Jesus."

Two days before she died, when the shadows of death were gathering about her couch, as her husband and children stood weeping before her, she looked calmly and tenderly first at each of her children and then resting her eyes upon her husband's face bathed in tears, she said in a clear voice, "Be submissive to the will of the Lord." This was the last sentence her lips uttered. Without a struggle, a twitching of a muscle, or even a sigh, she sweetly slept in Jesus.

For almost nine years she bore the burdens and discharged the duties incident to the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher. Two years on each, the Elizabethton, Kingsport and Rogersville charges, she served in connection with her husband, who had the pastoral care, and was deservedly popular, winning by her modest demeanor, affable and courteous manners, kind and generous spirit, the esteem of all with whom she came in contact, and exhibited rare qualifications for the place she was called to fill. She dispensed the hospitalities of her home with an ease and cheerfulness, a heartiness of manner, which imparted to her guests the feeling, "You are welcome."

Of her immediate family, a husband and four children, three girls and one boy, are left to cherish the priceless legacy she has bequeathed them—a Christian character, beautiful, symmetrical, strong—a life exemplifing in a marked manner the golden rule, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do you even so to them."

Her mother and two sisters preceded her to glory; her father, four brothers and two sisters are left to mourn her absence from them a little while.

May the influence of her pure, sweet life, like precious ointment poured forth, linger with them, and in the activities of life, in the midst of its sorrows, trials, conflicts and snares, may they ever feel her presence, and hear the whispers of her example—"Follow me as I followed Christ."

J. S. PETTY.

MRS. D. RICHARDSON.

Martha Jane (Phillips) Richardson, wife of Rev. Daniel Richardson, of the Holston Conference, was born in Blount County, Tenn., Sept. 10, 1826, and died at her home near Dayton, Tenn., March 1, 1889.

Miss Phillips was converted at Walnut Grove Church, Campbell County, Tenn., July, 1843, under the ministry of Rev. James Marshall, and immediately united with the Methodist Episcopal Church.

She was married to Daniel Richardson May 10, 1845, with whom she lived happily until the day of her death.

When the M. E. Church, South, was organized she passed into its membership, in which relation she was faithful and efficient, but when, at the close of the war, the Methodist Episcopal Church was reorganized in East Tennessee, she at once availed herself of the privilege of re-entering the church of her choice, in whose communion she lived and labored the remainder of her days.

In 1867 her husband became a member of the Virginia Conference. With great faith and cheerfulness she entered into his labors, making sacrifices, enduring hardships, suffering privations, as a good soldier for Jesus. After six years they were transferred to the Holston Conference, and labored in the following charges, viz: Sneedville Circuit, three years; Rogersville Circuit, two years; Newport Circuit, one year; Hamilton Circuit, three years; Dayton Circuit, two years; Jasper Circuit, three years; Graysville Circuit to March 1st, in the second year. More than twenty-one years of life as the wife of an itinerant Methodist preacher, in this field of hardships and difficulties! None but the experienced can appreciate the deep significance of this fact. What a school for spiritual training and discipline! How favorable

such environment to the development of strong, symmetrical, beautiful Christian character! Sister Richardson had a keen appreciation of her relation to the church and the opportunities and privileges which grew out of that relation. She was a woman of extraordinary force of character. Her intellect was strong and vigorous, her judgment sound and reliable, her will firm and unyielding for the right, her affections warm and tender. She was strong in faith, joyous in hope, constant in charity. She was patient in tribulation, courageous in disappointment, and submissive to the will of God. Her life was a benediction to the Church and her death a glorious triumph of our Christianity.

The immediate cause of her death was hemorrhage of the lungs. She had suffered severely for more than two months with what was pronounced a deep seated cold, accompanied by a painful cough, but had not been confined to her bed. On the evening of her death she retired and rested unusually well for two hours, when, in a fit of coughing, she suffered the only hemorrhage of her life, during which she said to her husband, "I am gone."

"Then fell upon the house a sudden gloom,
A shadow on those features fair and thin;
And softly from the hushed and darkened room,
Two angels issued where but one went in."

On Sabbath, the 3rd inst., her funeral was preached by the Rev. M. M. Murrell, from Acts 17: 18, to a very large concourse of people, and in the shadow of "the church at Sardis," on the Jasper Circuit, her remains were deposited to await the resurrection of the just.

May He who doeth all things well sustain and comfort the bereaved husband.

J. J. ROBINETTE.

RESOLUTIONS.

BISHOP JOYCE.

Resolved, That we hereby express to Bishop Joyce our high appreciation and gratitude.

Resolved, That we cordially invite his constant co-operation in

all our work, throughout the year; especially in our District Conferences and camp-meetings, and in the work of our schools.

Resolved, That we will gladly welcome him to our Conferences at any future time.

DRS. HARTZELL AND SPENCER.

Resolved, That we have been greatly benefited and inspired by the visit of Dr. J. C. Hartzell and Dr. W. A. Spencer, and pledge ourselves to carry out, as far as possible, our obligations to the Societies so ably represented by these distinguished Secretaries.

MRS. JOYCE.

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the visit of Mrs. Bishop Joyce and the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at Chattanooga, and heartily commend to all our people the work of these elect women.

THANKS TO THE SECRETARIES.

Resolved, That our Secretaries are entitled to our thanks for their faithfulness in the discharge of their respective duties.

THANKS.

Resolved, That we hereby extend our thanks to Dr. J. J. Robinette, the resident Presiding Elder, and W. C. Miller, the Pastor, for their wise provision for our entertainment, and for their untiring devotion to our interests during our stay in Dayton.

Resolved, That we are grateful to have enjoyed the privilege of proving the generous hospitality of the citizens of this growing town, and we hereby express our gratitude to them for the most excellent entertainment we have received at their hands.

Resolved, That we heartily appreciate the fraternal welcome extended to us by the Pastors of the several churches in Dayton by inviting our preachers to fill their pulpits and in various ways showing their fraternal regard.

LAKE WILDWOOD.

Whereas, The Lake Wildwood Camp-meeting and Educational Association has been organized and chartered under the laws of the State of Tennessee, as a great encampment for the Methodists of the Holston and surrounding Conferences, in the interest of Sunday-schools, Temperance, Education and the salvation of souls, therefore,

Resolved, That we, as a Conference, endorse the movement, and pledge ourselves to do what we can to promote its welfare.

ENDOWMENT OF THE METHODIST ADVOCATE.

Resolved, That we most heartily endorse the movement to endow *The Methodist Advocate*, and to establish the Methodist Historical Society, and commend it to our people, and pledge ourselves to co-operate to the utmost of our ability.

SALE OF PROPERTY.

Resolved, That we, the Holston Annual Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, do hereby endorse, ratify and confirm the sale of the Church lot held by the local Board of Trustees at Jonesborough, Tenn., and sold by them to the Jonesborough Banking and Trust Company of Jonesborough, for the sum of $1,000, the same to be put at interest at 6% in said Bank and compounded annually for five years.

CONDOLENCE.

Resolved, That we have learned with profound sorrow of the death, on the 12th inst., of Richard Warren, the eldest child of Rev. and Mrs. R. J. Cooke, and hereby tender them our sincere condolence and sympathy in their unspeakable sorrow.

PROPERTY TRANSFERRED.

Whereas, The Trustees of Willhoite Methodist Episcopal Church, an incorporated body under the laws of Tennessee, have deeded to the Trustees of the *Methodist Advocate* "Endowment Fund" and Methodist Historical Society a lot, thirty feet front more or less, on Rossville Avenue, immediately south of said Willhoite Church, therefore

Resolved, That as a Conference we approve this transfer of property for the purposes for which it is deeded.

CHURCH EXTENSION COLLECTIONS.

Resolved, That in view of the embarrassed condition of the Treasury of the Board of Church Extension, and of the liberal policy of the Board toward our Conference, we hereby pledge ourselves to take the collection for Church Extension during the first quarter, and to raise the full amount of our assessment.

FINANCIAL IMPROVEMENT.

Whereas, There is much indifference on the part of many of

our members, in the bounds of the Holston Conference, in regard to ministerial support and the benevolences; and, as the best possible results in our work as a Church depend upon the complete development and entire consecration to God of all our possessions, therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference request a committee of five Laymen in each Presiding Elder's District, to be nominated by the respective Presiding Elders, to formulate and propagate an APPEAL, in the early part of the ensuing Conference year, to the Church, setting forth the great importance of *every member* bearing his portion of our financial burden.

Resolved, That the Pastors shall co-operate with this committee in bringing this appeal to the attention of all our people.

J. J. ROBINETTE.

PRESIDING ELDERS' REPORTS

CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.

J. J. ROBINETTE, P. E.

At the last session of the Conference, the Chattanooga District was so changed that naught of its former self remains save the name and the city of Chattanooga.

I shall, therefore, speak first of the physical features of the present Chattanooga District. As now constituted, the district embraces the territory included in the counties of Hamilton, Marion, Grundy, Sequatchie, Bledsoe and Rhea. In these counties are situated the cities and towns of Chattanooga, with a population (estimated) of 57,000; Dayton, 5,000; South Pittsburg, 4,000; Tracy City, 3,000; Soddy, 1,500; Spring City, 1,000; Jasper, 1,000, and a number of villages with populations of from 100 to 500.

The district is traversed by the Cincinnati Southern and the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway systems; so that the facilities for travel are moderately good, though a great deal of travel is involved and a corresponding expense, if the Presiding Elder meets his appointments by rail, as he must pass through Georgia, Alabama and Middle Tennessee in order to reach the Western portion of the district.

The present year has been one of phenomenal progress to the district in material things. In the four counties of Hamilton, Marion, Rhea and Sequatchie, according to a recent tabulated statement, the increase in real and personal taxable values over 1888, is $4,158,556. Men with money are coming among us from the North and elsewhere; great syndicates are being organized, gigantic enterprises are the order of things, and an unusual degree of material prosperity is promised for the near future. All this means increased responsibility to the church.

The district now comprises sixteen pastoral charges—seven stations and nine circuits. Bishop FitzGerald, for the year now closing, made appointments to nine of these charges and left the remaining seven to be "supplied."

Of the brethren appointed by the Bishop, all have done good work and all have continued unto the end of the year, except D. Richardson, who was appointed to the Graysville Circuit; N. R. Byerly, who was appointed to the Brayton Circuit, and Milton Brown, who was appointed to the Tabernacle Church, Chattanooga.

Brother Richardson took charge immediately after Conference and wrought faithfully until about the first of March, when, because of seriously impaired health, he was compelled to resign his charge. About the same time, God in his providence called away from earth, his beloved and devoted companion. She died in holy triumph. To supply the Graysville circuit for the remainder of the year, I secured the services of Jno. D. Winchester, who at the time was in school at Athens. Brother Winchester is one of the most efficient and capable young men in the Conference. He has labored with great acceptability and good success on his charge.

Brother Byerly, on account of ill health, did not take charge. I held the circuit for him for the first quarter of the year, when he wrote me that he could not take it. I then put it under the supervision of J. J. Krichbaum and W. J. Kerley, local preachers.

Brother Brown was transferred at the last session of the Conference from the Arkansas to the Holston Conference, and stationed at the Tabernacle Church. He remained in charge until about the 20th of August, when he left and went to Kentucky to take charge of a school. I had no intimation of his going until he was gone. To fill this vacancy, I did not secure any regular supply, but arranged to furnish the congregation

with preaching, as often as possible, by the resident ministers of the city.

As early in the year as possible, I provided for the charges "left to be supplied," as follows: Chattanooga—Mission Ridge, J. B. Jacobs; Hill City, J. H. Gillespie; Cameron Hill, L. Barrow; Chattanooga Circuit, S. A. Winsor; South Pittsburg, John Swiney; Pikeville Circuit, J. J. Krichbaum; Tracy City Circuit, R. T. Dykes.

Brother Jacobs resigned his charge about the middle of the third quarter and went west to make money to help himself through school. I succeeded in getting J. M. Mason, a member of the Alabama Conference and student in the University, to take charge of this church for the remaining part of the year. He has had a very good degree of success. Brother Winsor, a member of the Colorado Conference, did excellent work on the Chattanooga Circuit until about the 15th of July, when he resigned and left to attend the session of his Conference and take an appointment at its hands. I was fortunate, however, in being able to supply this charge with the services of T. C. Warner, whose labors have been signally blessed since he took charge.

You will readily see, Mr. President, that we have had plenty of "*supplies*" in the Chattanooga District this year, as I have, from first to last, supplied ten of the sixteen charges under my care. For the most part, a benign Providence has blessed the brethren with good health, and their labors, put forth in faith, and, in some instances, under great difficulties, have been awarded with a reasonable degree of success.

In order to present the results of the year, it will be necessary to make brief mention of the condition of the church as we found it one year ago. This may best be expressed by the use of the terms: *disorganization*, *divisions*, *debts*, *discouragement*. This statement may appear strong, but no other would so well represent the truth in the case. The Pastors applied themselves to the work of more thorough organization, some divisions and strifes have been healed, and some church debts have been liquidated, and hence, discouragement, in some degree, has given place to hope.

The spiritual condition of the church, while not what we should like to see it, is decidedly better, we think, than at the beginning of the year. Large and attentive congregations, class and prayer-meetings in many churches regularly, increased interest in the

salvation of souls and in the temporal concerns of the church, are evidences in proof of this.

During the year, there have been 678 conversions, and the number of accessions to our membership is 538.

But the statistics will not show a corresponding gain in the membership over last year, for an earnest effort has been made to "*clean up*" the records and make them correctly represent our numerical strength. Hence, there will be a discrepancy, between the figures of this year and last, of 25% in some of the charges.

The temporal department of our work has been given special attention, and, in the items of ministerial support and the benevolences, the statistical report will show a decided advance.

Church building has been an important feature of our work this year. At Spring City, a church enterprise, inaugurated three years before, we found in an unfinished condition and at a "stand-still." But, through the energy of the Pastor, J. L. Neely, work was resumed, the building completed, and dedicated on the fourth Sabbath in July. The enterprise had been conducted in a model business manner, and there was no debt to provide for; for this, great credit is due the Building Committee. The church is beautiful and convenient in design, and is worth $2,000.

At Dayton, we found a church building, not like that just mentioned, almost complete and free from debt, but just the reverse. The enterprise was in very bad condition every way. But, worse still, there seemed no way open to us to change this condition for the better. In this church, the people undertook, at the least calculation, twice as much as they were able to perform. The report of the pastor for last year showed an indebtedness of $1,750.00. Some parties who held accounts against the Trustees had instituted legal proceeding, and others were threatening to do so; we appealed to Bishop FitzGerald for help, but he could give us no relief. The house was far from complete, the roof not all being on. The Trustees, in their endeavor to save the property from destruction, rented the building for public school purposes for half the year. But little could be done on the house until our obligations to the school directors ceased; so we applied ourselves to the duty of debt paying. The parsonage had been sold, and we applied the money thus realized upon outstanding debts. About this time, Mr. Holiday Spivy, a citizen of the town, came to our relief, with a proposition to build the steeple to the church. We accepted his kind offer, and he had the work done

at a cost of about $650.00. This benefaction helped us greatly, and enabled us by dint of perseverance, sacrifices, and the unremitting labors of the faithful pastor, Brother Miller, to bring the enterprise to its present condition. This has been done, too, without adding to the indebtedness, save to the amount of $150, applied on the inside painting. The present condition of the church will appear in the following statement: Applied on the building, this year, $1,000; applied on indebtedness, $500; present indebtedness, $1,700. The church, as to the character of the building, speaks for itself. It is, perhaps, the best church property in the Conference, if we except Chattanooga and Knoxville. It is worth $5,000.

At Tracy City, there was a church building under way, which has been completed and dedicated. There was an indebtedness on this house of $650; $250 of this amount is due the Board of Church Extension; the remaining $350 was provided for in subscriptions and cash on the occasion of the dedication. This church is worth about $1,500.

At South Pittsburg, under the faithful and efficient administration of Rev. John Swiney, a local preacher, our success has been remarkable. Some two years before Brother Swiney took charge, a lot of land had been purchased, for which the Trustees had promised to pay $1,200. This, we were told, was a reasonable price when the purchase was made. Only about $100 had been paid on this property. We were being pressed for the balance due, $1,100, but we had nothing with which to pay. Something must be done, and we decided to dispose of this lot and risk purchasing another and more eligible one. We succeeded in getting the gentleman from whom the lot had been bought to take it back, keep what had been paid him, and release us from further obligation. We then purchased a lot from the City Company, in the central part of the town, for $850, but the company donated $450, so the net price of the lot to us was only $400. The pastor at once commenced the work of soliciting funds to build. He had splendid success; an amount was secured suffisient to insure the erection of the church. Plans and specifications were procured, from Dr. Kynett, the contract let, and the building completed without hindrance. It was dedicated last Sabbath by Dr. Warner, and is worth $3,500. We owe all this to Brother Swiney's wise and faithful administration. Three country churches have been commenced in the District—one on

the Jasper Circuit, one on the Tracy City Circuit, and one on the Pikeville Circuit. Some others are contemplated.

During the present year more has been accomplished in Chattanooga than in any previous year of my connection with the work. Early in the year a society was organized and incorporated to be known as the "Chattanooga Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church." Its objects are: "To cultivate the connectional principle of Methodism, to aid churches, to give advice and assistance as to church indebtedness, incumbrances on church property, location of churches and church buildings, and to promote and support Sunday Schools and Missions in the city of Chattanooga and vicinity, under the care of the Methodist Episcopal Church." This society has already demonstrated the wisdom of its institution. Though in its infancy, it has been a most potent agent in our Church work in Chattanooga this year. At Highland Park, one of the most desirable suburbs of the city, we have established a promising society, and erected a beautiful little church. This church is in accordance with one of our Church Extension plans, is worth, with lot on which it stands, $4,000, and was dedicated, in September, by Bishop Joyce, when all indebtedness was provided for.

At Ridgedale, another suburban community, we have purchased very elegant lots of land, and steps have already been taken looking toward the erection of a church to cost from $3,000 to $5,000.

Very early in the next year this church will be completed and ready for use. Present indications justify the opinion that this will, in the near future, become one of the strongest and most desirable churches in the Conference.

I am glad to be able to report progress concerning the Tabernacle Church. The name of this charge has been changed to *Willhoite Church*, a very happy and appropriate thing to do. Maj. Willhoite has borne the burden here from the first; he has done as much as all others in the matters of ministerial support and the benevolences, and, if I am not mistaken, he has been at the entire expense of the church building, as far as it has gone, and has now undertaken to complete the church with his own means. The building is under cover, and will be ready for occupancy with the beginning of the new year. Our property here is worth $10,000.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church has had the most prosperous year of its history. In the early part of the year a revival

of great depth and extent was held in this church, and in its benefits the various congregations in the city shared. There were four hundred conversions and a general quickening of the religious interests of the city and vicinity. The Pastor was assisted in the meeting by Rev. J. S. Bitler, of Ohio, and Bishop Joyce. This congregation has gone far beyond its financial obligations this year, meeting all claims for ministerial support, nearly doubling its assessments for benevolences, and paying $600 for extra service during the revival. In addition to this, $5,000 has been paid on indebtedness, and material aid given some of the suburban churches, making an aggregate of about $9,500 for this people this year. The Sunday-school here is a model one in every respect. On Saturday evenings one of our teachers teaches a class made up of teachers from the various Sunday-schools of the city. This is, without exaggeration, the best Sunday-school we have in the South.

The following statement will show the increase in the collections, over last year, for Missions and Church Extension:

	1888.		1889.		INCREASE.	
	Miss.	Ch. Ex.	Miss.	Ch. Ex.	Miss.	Ch. Ex.
Brayton, W. J. Kerley, Pastor			$4	$2	$4	$2
Dayton, W. C. Miller, Pastor			20		20	
Graysville, J. D. Winchester, Pastor	$5	$1	21	5	16	4
Hamilton, W. D. Smith, Pastor	6	3	12	8	6	5
Jasper, M. M. Murrell, Pastor	2		25		23	
Pikeville, J. J. Krichbaum, Pastor	8	2	9	4	1	2
Spring City, J. L. Neely, Pastor	5	1	15	3	10	2
South Pittsburg, John Swiney, Pastor	3		20	5	17	5
Tracy City, J. W. McGee, Pastor	2	2	20	5	18	3
Tracy City Circuit, R. T. Dykes, Pastor						
Hill City, J. H. Gillespie, Pastor	2	1	25	8	23	7

These charges were last year in the Dayton District. Following are the Chattanooga churches:

	1888.		1889.		INCREASE.	
	Miss.	Ch. Ex.	Miss.	Ch. Ex.	Miss.	Ch. Ex.
Mission Ridge, J. M. Mason, Pastor	$15		$25	$5	$10	$5
Willhoite Church, M. T. Brown, Pastor	21		6			
Cameron Hill, L. Barrow, Pastor			10		10	
Chattanooga Circuit, T. C. Warner, Pastor						
First Church, A. L. Riker, Pastor	260	$40	300	60	40	20
Totals	$329	$50	$512	$107	$183	$57

Total last year, $329; total this year, $512; increase for Missions, $183; for Church Extension, $57.

The Sunday-school interests have claimed our special attention. There were only two schools in the District, the former Dayton District, organized under the provisions of the Discipline—one of these was at Spring City, the other at Hill City. The organization of the schools created, in some places, a little unpleasantness, but the work progresses better now, and time will soon heal the little differences that remain. We now have some twenty schools in the District working under the provisions of the Discipline.

Our church literature has a very meagre circulation in the District. Every Methodist family should take, we think, one of our "official" papers, and earnest efforts have been made looking to this end, but without any very manifest results.

Our educational work is in better condition than ever before.

My own work has been done under very trying circumstances; my health during the spring and summer was very poor, and my wife has been sorely afflicted all the year. Other difficulties have arisen where the way ought to have been open, and thus have I been hindered to some extent, but with a consciousness that God will approve the RIGHT and condemn the WRONG, I have tried to be faithful to my trust. I have held all my quarterly metings, in person, except four, and have given such general supervision to the work as I have been able to bestow.

I have preached 165 times, have baptized sixteen adults and six infants, have received into the membership of the church forty persons.

I have dedicated four churches and raised between five and six hundred dollars to apply on church debts.

I have solemnized the rights of matrimony twice, and received for my services from all sources $730. For any achievements made and successes won we give God the praise.

KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.

JOHN S. PETTY, P. E.

Thirteen pastoral Charges, two Stations, and eleven Circuits comprise the Knoxville District. It is the nearest central of any other in the Conference; is, perhaps, the largest in membership and the smallest in territory. Six counties, in whole or in part, are embraced in it.

North Knoxville, which was in the plan at the beginning of the year, was not formally organized until last Sabbath afternoon, when a class was formed numbering thirty-one persons. The work has been in charge of Rev. James S. Jones, a recent student of the U. S. Grant Memorial University, who has conducted a Sunday-school, and preached on Sunday evenings in Patterson's Hall, rented for this purpose. This enterprise is full of promise, and owes its existence chiefly to the energetic exertions of the Rev. L. E. Prentiss, the Pastor of the Clinch Street Church. Brother Jones has, since he assumed charge, done excellent work, and given, so far as I know, universal satisfaction. He reports $10 for Missions and $5 for Church Extension. In representing the work, I will speak of the charges in the order in which they appear in the Conference Minutes.

The **Emert Cove** Mission, occupying territory in the mountain regions of Sevier County, the smallest numerically and the poorest financially, has experienced a year of great prosperity under the faithful labors of Rev. G. W. Clendenen, a local preacher, who has traveled it as a supply. No part of the duties of a Pastor has, so far as I could observe, been neglected. In my report last year, I stated that there was not a church house on this work, meaning thereby not one worthy the name. This cannot be now said. A neat church at Gatlinburg was finished, and dedicated by Rev. D. S. Hodsden in May last. A lot has been secured, and preparatory work is being done toward building a model country church, to cost about $1,200, for the accommodation of the Societies known as the Caton Chapel and Richardson's Cove Classes. I trust that I shall see this house finished and dedicated during the next summer. Another church will, I feel confident, be built very soon for the Emert Cove Class, which is now without any place of worship. There are good prospects of a church also on Webb's Creek, but the enterprise has not yet developed into anything tangible. The people who compose this charge are, as a general thing, poor in this world's goods, but they appreciate the Gospel, are in hearty sympathy with our Church, and, according to their means, are liberal. There is reported ninety-four conversions, eighty-seven accessions, paid for ministerial support, $157.75; raised for benevolences, $17, the full assessment.

The **Fair Garden** Circuit has nine regular preaching places, and is a four week's Circuit. For three years Rev. R. C. Robertson

has been in charge and has steadily grown in favor with the people, whom he has faithfully served. The Quarterly Conferences of this charge are better attended than are those of any other Circuit in the District; the Love Feasts are often seasons of great refreshing from on High, and its general spiritual condition is, I think, more than ordinarily good. Revival services have been held at various points, resulting in sixty conversions, forty accessions. There has been paid for ministerial support $300; raised for benevolences, $30. One church enterprise is on foot, and we hope to have it completed during the year—a neat and commodious house of worship for the accommodation of the Bird's S. H. and Edmondson Chapel Societies. A subscription of several hundred dollars was raised for this purpose at the third quarterly meeting. Some difficulty respecting the title to the lot has retarded the work of building.

Knox Circuit has five organized classes, several of them are semi-monthly appointments; at the others, preaching is once in a month. The Rev. T. R. West has served this charge for the past two years, and has done efficient work. There has been steady growth in the membership, though the gain has not been large. This charge is in a healthy condition, and, if it grows as it should, will soon be one of the strongest, as it is now one of the most desirable, Circuits in the District. Its Sunday-schools are, as a general thing, in a thriving condition. The report given me is as follows: Professions, 65; accessions, 47; received into full connection, 33. I have received no report of benevolent collections.

Knoxville (1) **Clinch Street** was without a pastor for about two months, from December 31st. The Rev. I. A. Pearce, who was assigned to it, began to make preparation to leave it within a week or two after the close of the Conference, although I was not apprised of his intentions until the 1st of December, when I went to attend the quarterly meeting of the charge. He removed with his family to Florida about January 1st, and soon thereafter, as I have learned, he united with the Presbyterian Church, and was duly installed as Pastor over a congregation of that Church near Island Lake, Fla. I entered into a correspondence with Bishop FitzGerald and others respecting a supply for the pulpit, and also requested the Official Board to aid in the matter. Having learned, incidentally, that the Rev. L. E. Prentiss, of the Central Ohio Conference, then stationed at the First Church,

Findlay, Ohio, was, on account of the frail condition of his wife's health, meditating removal to a milder climate, and being favorably impressed with the representation given of him, a member of the Board wrote him concerning the pastorate and requested him to visit Knoxville and spend a Sabbath with the charge. "He came, he saw, he (was) conquered." The acquaintance being mutually agreeable, by the unanimous request of the Official Board arrangements were made whereby he assumed pastoral charge about March 1st, and was duly transferred to this Conference by Bishop FitzGerald. I rejoice in being able to state that God's blessing has crowned both the Pastor and the charge. The dark shadows which hovered over his home in Ohio, and which induced him to come to us, have been dispelled, and light and joy have returned, with health to his wife. Almost immediately upon entering on his duties as Pastor, he began a series of revival meetings, which were protracted through several weeks, resulting in a large number of conversions and about 175 accessions to the church, and in greatly augmenting its spiritual life. During his pastorate there have been added to the membership of the charge over 200 members. There has been paid for ministerial support, moving expenses, furnishing preacher's house, and incidental expenses, $2,466, and raised for benevolent purposes $643—more than double the entire assessment. A second mission school has been organized on Crozier street, and now numbers about sixty persons, conducted by members of the Clinch Street Church.

The **Asylum Street** Charge has been faithfully and efficiently served by Rev. J. A. Ruble, and is enjoying a good degree of prosperity. The congregations, especially at night, are large and inspiring, the prayer-meetings are well attended, the Sunday-school is in a healthy, growing condition, and the spiritual life is vigorous. There has not been the progress made this year toward self-support which I hoped to see, but there is an improvement upon last year. There are no wealthy persons belonging to this charge, very few who own the houses in which they live, but if all would contribute according to ability every week, as opportunity is given by the envelope system adopted by the Stewards, the aggregate would be much greater than it now is.

The report is: For improvement of property, $63; for benevolences, $53; for ministerial support, $.. ; conversions, 30; additions to the church, 22.

The **Little River** Circuit has only six regular appointments, but it has been managed as a four weeks' Circuit. Rev. R. O. Ayers has been in charge, and, though his family resided near Athens, he has given to the charge his time and best energies, working under disadvantage and serious embarrassment. He has not received from the Circuit the consideration, that hearty co-operation and support which are essential to a Pastor's success. The quarterly meetings have not been well attended by the official members; I do not remember that more than two classes out of the six were represented at any Quarterly Conference during the year—sometimes three or four members composed the Quarterly Conference. There seems to be, in general, a woeful lack of interest in matters pertaining to the prosperity of the church. I have attended all the quarterly meetings, and have made special exertions in the matter of its upbuilding, and, from representation, hoped for a better report than is submitted. The claim of the pastor was $300, but there is a deficiency of 150; the Presiding Elder was paid in about the same proportion, the deficiency on his claim being $11.21. The benevolences showed the same fate, the collections being a little over one-third of the assessments.

Though a small charge, this Circuit is located in an excellent region, a good proportion of its members are persons in good standing, and, for this section, in good circumstances; they could have paid, without any embarrassment, the entire claim for ministerial support, and the assessments for benevolent purposes. Though candor requires me to make such an unfavorable report, there is a grain of comfort in the reflection that even this is an improvement upon last year, in several important respects: there has been a large number of accessions, the deficiency in claim for ministerial support is less, and the aggregate of benevolent collections is more than double. I trust that the work of improvement will continue until the Little River Charge shall become, as it may, a strong, flourishing, desirable Circuit.

Loudon is another charge of six appointments, and has been traveled as a four weeks' Circuit by Rev. T. H. Russell, who entered upon the work immediately after the adjournment of Conference, was cordially received, and has been faithful, and to a good degree successful. I have not received any report as to benevolences and receipts on Pastor's claim.

I am sorry that the condition of the church at Loudon, so far

as the debt on the house and the needed repairs are concerned, has not been improved during the year. The class at this place is small, and weak financially, and, until recently, there was not much of the spirit of prosperity or enterprise in the town, and under the circumstances it was almost impossible to accomplish work requiring an expenditure of money. But at the present there seems to be a general looking-up in the community—business is reviving, property is advancing in price, the town is growing, and we have good hopes of getting church matters in a better state very soon.

Loveville Circuit has nine regular appointments, and is a four weeks' Circuit. Rev. P. H. Henry has been in charge, and, though living somewhat remote from his work, has met his appointments, and discharged, in an acceptable manner, his duties as Pastor.

Maryville, except Knoxville, Clinch Street, the strongest charge in the District, has, for the past two years, been faithfully and acceptably served by the Rev. D. S. Hodsden, who has been "in labors abundant," and has won a good degree of success. The plan of the work has embraced the town of Maryville, and seven rural appointments. Except Maryville, which has had preaching every two weeks, the classes have had regular preaching every four weeks, and special protracted meetings have been conducted at various points during the year, resulting in a large number of conversions. Brother Hodsden enjoys the confidence and esteem of the entire charge, who recognize him as an earnest, self-sacrificing Christian, an excellent Pastor, and a thoroughly efficient minister of the Gospel.

Through the liberality of Sister Sarah Walker, who died in June last, the members at Pleasant Hill were enabled to complete their beautiful church, which was dedicated free of debt during the year. Sister walker also, by bequest, gave to the Maryville Class a house and lot valued at $700, to be sold and the proceeds to be devoted to the building of a church in Maryville.

Maryville Class, which has heretofore paid nearly one-half the claim for ministerial support, desires to be formed into a station, believing that the interests of our church in that growing city demand preaching every Sunday and the presence and constant labors of a Pastor. Other denominations are alive to the importance of this point, and are strenuously exerting themselves to advance their lines, and, unless we, as a church, bestir ourselves,

we cannot reasonably hope to hold what we now have, to say nothing of advancing.

As a station, it will need for a year or two some aid in supporting a Pastor, but, in my judgment, it will develop rapidly in response to judicious effort into a self-supporting, prosperous charge.

With the loss of Maryville, the Circuit will have seven appointments, and, if properly worked, can furnish a comfortable support for its Pastor, without any missionary appropriation.

New Market Charge, which includes Dandridge, has been in charge of Rev. W. T. Senter for the past three years. It is, as a general thing, I think, in a good spiritual condition, and financially it holds a high rank. I reported last year two church enterprises as being well begun on this charge; I can now report as finished and dedicated without debt these two church buildings. The one at Shady Grove is one of the best, most attractive and commodious country churches within the bounds of the Conference, an honor to our Methodism and to the Great Head of the Church; and a monument to the indefatigable energy of the Pastor, and and the liberality of the society and community. The dedicatory services were conducted by Rev. T. C. Carter, D. D., on Sunday, September 15th, at which time over $300 was received in cash and on valid subscription. The other church has been built at Chestnut Grove, and was dedicated by Rev. J. A. Ruble September 22nd. I have not seen it, but am informed that it is a model of beauty and attractiveness as a church home. From the inception to the completion of this enterprise, it has engaged the mind and heart of the Pastor, and to him, more than all other human agencies combined, it owes its existence. A donation of $100 was received from the Board of Church Extension, the hope of which was a great stimulus in the early stage of the enterprise, and the receipt of which in due time assured its completion. A church is greatly needed at Dandridge, where we have no house of our own, and past success gives hope that, with Brother Senter's energy and push, one can be built there during the next year, if he is returned to the charge. Some Pastors would have found in these enterprises requiring such an outlay of money an excuse for neglecting, altogether, the benevolent collections—not so in this case. He reports for missions, $35; church extension, $13; for other objects, $10; an aggregate of $58. Received for ministerial support, $353.

He also reports 89 conversions, 122 accessions.

New Salem is a charge of five appointments, and has been in charge of Rev. M. A. Rule for the past three years, and is, at present, in a better condition than at any time during his pastorate, I judge. He thoroughly understands the work of a Pastor, and endeavors to perform it in all its details, and succeeds. He reports 39 conversions, 26 accessions; collections aggregate $70, $45 for missions, the full assessment. The claims for ministerial support aggregated $474; the receipts were $360.

Sevierville is one of the largest Circuits in the District, and, in important respects, one of the best in the Conference. It embraces a territory which, in fertility of soil and beauty of landscape, would be hard to equal, and cannot be surpassed in the Conference. The society of this region is first-class, and, as a church, we have a good deal of the cream of it. I should despair of finding anywhere on earth a more cordial hospitality or more comfortable entertainment than I have received on this Circuit. Rev. J. A. Nicholson has been in charge for two years, and has endeared himself to the people by his genial spirit and efficient service. Its spiritual and financial condition are above the average. A very interesting and profitable session of the District Conference was held in Sevierville the last week in July. I have received no report of details from the Pastor.

The last on the list is **Thorn Grove**, a four weeks' Circuit of ten appointments, of which the Rev. J. M. Durham has been for two years the Pastor. This is a charge of great capabilities, but has not developed its resources very rapidly, nor taken the rank to which thorough, systematic effort will elevate it.

Though living within the bounds of the Knox Circuit, Brother Durham has, until within the last three or four months, filled regularly his appointments, and done good pastoral work, but the critical and protracted illness of his wife during the period mentioned has demanded his presence at home, and, notwithstanding his appointments have generally been supplied by the local preachers, the charge has necessarily felt the effects of his constrained absence. During the last month her condition was so far improved as to admit of his devoting his time to pastoral duties, and all things considered, he has a reasonably good report. He is universally esteemed as an earnest, consecrated Christian man; a sound, practical preacher, and devoted to the Master's cause. He reports sixty-nine accessions; collections, $66. Paid

for ministerial support, $370. Deficiency, $100. A church to cost from $800 to $1.000 is in course of erection at Cedar Ridge, and will, I presume, be completed in a few months. To the Rev. W. K. Leeper, a local preacher, this enterprise is mainly due.

Taking now a general view of the District, I am impressed that upon some charges class meetings are almost entirely ignored; on others, they are held infrequently, and attended by a comparatively small per cent. of the members. Instances are not rare of probationers having been received into full connection who have never been led in class. Neglect of this precious means of grace is, I am convinced, a prevalent cause of "many being weak and feeble among us," and of so comparatively few of our young converts learning to wear the yoke of service in their youth. Brethren, let us not suffer this old land-mark of heroic, invincible Methodism to be removed! Let us everywhere persistently labor to revive throughout our whole territory the old-time, soul-inspiring class-meetings.

I have observed, with sorrow, what impressed me as the lack of true appreciation on the part of some Pastors of the great importance of Sunday-schools being organized at every appointment. I have held quarterly meetings in our own church houses, and in thickly-settled neighborhoods, where there was no Sunday-school in the community. At other places I found Sunday-schools organized in our church houses, and composed chiefly of members of our Church and their families, and yet conducted and reported as "*Union*" schools, which of right ought to have been, and with proper interest and effort on the part of the Pastor and our leading members might have been, Methodist Episcopal schools. Let us not be deceived by the deceptive cry of "Union," which leads inevitably to undenominationalism in Christian work, and is detrimental to the Church and cause of Christ.

Another serious, wide-spread, and often deleterious defect appears in the custom which largely prevails on some Circuits, of having the Superintendent elected by a majority vote of the school, instead of having the Sunday-school Board nominate, and the Quarterly Conference confirm, as the Discipline enjoins. A strict observance of the law in this matter will prevent difficulties which have arisen, and will subordinate the schools to the authority of the Quarterly Conference.

The matter of organizing our schools into missionary societies,

as required by the Discipline, is worthy of more attention than it has received. A larger per cent. of the schools in the District are formally so organized than ever before, but very few of those of the Circuits have held meetings for the dissemination of missionary intelligence, the diffusal of the missionary spirit, and the raising of funds for the support of our missions.

The future missionaries of our church, and the supporters of this cause, so dear to the heart of the Savior, are to-day in our Sunday-schools. To us is assigned the work of training and developing in them those qualities which, consecrated to the Master, and imbued with His spirit, and the endowment of power from on High, will constitute them valiant soldiers of the cross.

I regret that "Children's Day" was not more generally observed. The statistics will, I fear, show that on a number of charges no collection was taken. When I reflect upon the number of young men and women of the church, aided by the Board of Education in completing the course of study in our colleges and universities, and who, without such aid, could not be so thoroughly equipped for the service to which the Master calls them, I cannot but regard the failure to take this collection arising from indifference, as doing injustice to those who might be helped thereby. And, I am sure that those pastors and superintendents who are thus impressed will not allow themselves, in the future, to be responsible for failure.

There is another matter, which, I think, attention should be called to, viz: The substitution, and exclusive use of other hymn and tune books in both the schools and congregations of the church, in place of those published by our Book Concern, and which, in point of merit and price, will compare favorably with any others published, and are vastly superior to many now in use in our schools and congregations. We should, it seems to me, earnestly endeavor to introduce into our schools the Epworth Hymnal, together with any other suitable books of this class, and to employ in general worship the larger Hymnal, containing a selection of the best spiritual songs ever written or sung.

In reference to the large deficiency in the benevolent collections reported from some charges, I will state, that my belief is—and it is the result of observation extending through more than twenty years, and from experience as a pastor—that failure in this matter may be traced to one or more of the following causes: (1.) Beginning too late in the year. (2) From unwise methods

used. Many endeavor, after a fashion, to improve upon the Disciplinary plan, but never succeed. The lessons failure teaches they will not heed. (3.) From a lack of zeal and earnestness in the methods pursued. A perfect plan, if one could be devised, will never be self-acting. To some, failure is unknown. To others, success would be a marvel.

The Minutes of our Conference, from its organization, will, I am confident, support the declaration that pastors living within the bounds of their charge, or convenient thereto, are better paid for their services, and, as a rule, give more general satisfaction and accomplish larger results.

In closing my report, I desire to express my high appreciation of the brethren who have been associated with me in the work of the District, and from whom I have received uniform courtesy and considerate kindness. Their expressions of condolence and manifestations of deep and earnest sympathy with me in the afflictions which my Heavenly Father has been pleased to send upon me, will ever, while memory remains, be cherished with emotions of lively gratitude.

October 9th, 1889.

NOTE.—The other Presiding Elders did not furnish their reports for publication.—ED.

STATISTICS.

STATISTICS No. 1,

NAMES OF CHARGES.	MEMBERSHIP.				Baptisms		CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. of Probationers.	No. of Full Members.	No. of Local Preachers.	No. of Deaths.	No. of Children Baptized.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Churches.	Probable Value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Paid for building and improving Churches and Parsonages.	Paid on old Indebtedness on Church property.
ATHENS DISTRICT.												
Athens	5	196	7	1			1	4,000				
Athens Circuit	40	410	6	5	13	9	8	2,000				
Blue Springs	104	400	6	4	6	36	8	3,500			100	
Chatata	33	403	2	4		8	9	7,400	1	225	500	
Cleveland	10	123		2			1	4,000				
Cleveland Circuit	41	362	4	4		7	7	6,600				
Decatur	32	417	2	4	13	23	5	3,000	1	250	500	
Ducktown	5	50			2		2	1,500			150	
Madisonville	15	163	1	1	7	1	4	1,600				
North Athens	1	10	1									
Ooltewah	24	176	2	2								
Sweetwater and Philada.	8	50		1	3	5	1	1,100			1,100	
Tellico	5	183	2	1	5		1	800				
Totals	323	2,953	33	29	52	89	47	35,500	2	475	2,350	
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.												
Brayton	5	70	1	1		5	1	150				
Chattanooga 1st Church.	45	516	3	3	7	68	1	60,000				
Cameron and St. Elmo	19	10	1			11						
Mission Ridge	25	60	2	3			1	1,500				
Montgomery Avenue	6	15	1		1	4	1	15,000			1,000	
Dayton		45		1			1	4,682				
Graysville	63	318	2	3	1	6	2	1,800	1	800	10	
Hamilton	66	304	3	3	1	15	6	3,600	1	200	60	
Jasper	28	188	1		2	8	3	2,000	1	200	27	
Pikeville	45	186	1	2	1	37	3	2,000	1	5	175	
South Pittsburg	12	108			4	9	2	3,600			1,200	
Spring City	4	68	2	2	3	1	1	1,800			257	45
Hill City	3	30	1			1	1	1,500				
Tracy City	25	75			1	5	1	2,000			375	
Tracy City Circuit		100	1				1	500				
Totals	346	2,093	19	18	21	170	25	100,132	4	1,205	3,104	45
GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.												
Chucky City	49	500	3	5	23	2	6	6,300	1	800		
Elizabethton & Roan Mt.	8	128	2	1			2	3,000			40	
Ervin	40	365	2				2	1,700				
Fall Branch	25	700	2	10		65	6	8,000			60	50
Greeneville	10	100		2			1	5,000	1	2,500	200	
Greeneville Circuit	33	537	2	7	19	8	9	12,225				
Johnson City	3	122	2	1	13	2	1	4,000			50	
Jonesboro Circuit	32	280	3	2		5	3	2,100			20	
Kingsport	26	524	1	4	20	35	5	3,500	1	800		20
Mountain City	59	300		1	5	20	4	4,400				
Oakland	30	410	3	8	5	10	5	4,700	1	600	70	
Watauga	8	250	3	1	1	1	3	2,700				150
Totals	325	4,216	23	42	86	148	47	47,625	4	4,700	440	220
KINGSTON DISTRICT.												
Andersonville		350	4	3	12	27	5	2,625			650	50
Clinton and Coal Creek	6	90		3		4	2	3,000				75
Crossville	40	210	1	4		2	2	750	1	500	40	15
Emory Gap	46	167	1	3	5	26						

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Present indebtedness on Church property.	Current Expenses (sexton, light, fuel, etc.)	Sunday-Schools. No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars of all ages.	BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS. For Missions. From Churches.	From Sunday-Schools.	Total.	For Board of Church Extension.	For Sunday-School Union.	For Tract Society.	For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educat'n Society	For Education.	For American Bible Society.	For Woman's Foreign Missionary Society	For Woman's Home Missionary Society.	Ministerial Support. For Pastor, House Rent, Presiding Elder, and Bishops.	For Conference Claimants.	Other Benevolent Collections.
.....	75	1	18	150	8	46	54	3	..	..	2	21	..	..	..	651	2	...
.....	75	7	35	245	20	..	20	2	..	..	2	..	2	....	....	372	3	...
... ..	.....	6	30	300	..	5	5	1	1	1	1	..	1	1	..	260	....	...
.....	.....	8	45	300	12	23	35	5	1	..	....	5	..	..	....	374	5	...
.....	75	1	14	80	50	10	60	12	2	2	6	3	..	2	..	598	15	...
.....	....	7	60	210	8	8	16	3	..	..	1	1	..	....	....	216	2	...
....	15	3	27	250	15	15	30	12	..	..	1	..	1	....	....	360	1	...
.....	..	2	10	75	4	1	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	56	1	...
.....	60	1	6	25	3	...	3	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	260	1	...
..	.....	1	8	50	....	.....	.....	.....	..	..	.....	..	..	..	..	8	....	...
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9	....	9	....	1	..	....	..	..	....	....	75	1	...
	.....	1	7	45	7	...	7	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	126	....	.
.....	.....	1	6	60	2	1	3	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	138	....	...
.....	3 00	39	266	790	138	109	247	39	5	3	13	30	4	3	....	3,494	31	.
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.....	7 60	2	50	522	205	95	300	60	20	15	40	70	20	133	..	2,175	68	600
.....	5	1	7	75	....	12	12	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	82	....	...
100	40	1	9	50	25	5	30	5	..	..	....	5	..	....	....	230	..	..
.....	.....	1	10	70	....	6	6	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	.....	....	...
1,500	....	1	8	87	..	20	20	..	..	..	....	..	..	....	..	122	....	...
40	15	3	16	200	15	6	21	5	..	..	....	1	..	....	..	260	6	...
300	25	5	51	307	6	6	12	5	1	..	..	1	..	..	....	250	2	.
.....	.....	1	4	25	25	..	25	..	..	..	1	..	2	1	..	199	1	...
80	..	2	8	65	9	..	9	4	1	..	2	..	2	....	....	243	1	...
.....	10	2	10	75	20	....	20	5	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	188	1	...
.....	18	1	7	95	10	5	15	3	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	188	....	...
..	40	1	6	60	12	13	25	8	1	1	3	2	1	1	1	128	2	...
50	40	1	10	50	2	18	20	2	..	..	..	..	..	....	..	545	....	...
.....	.....	1	6	50	..	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	..	...
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200	40	6	44	312	15	2	17	5	1	1	2	5	1	....	....	565	10	...
15	... .	3	25	120	1	...	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	218	....	...
.....		2	8	50	....	....	10	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	....	...
20	15	5	26	400	7	3	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	420	2	...
.....		1	16	150	20	30	50	5	2	1	....	3	2	..	....	501	2	...
	30	9	70	321	4	9	13	4	1	..	2	..	1	..	....	315	2	4
.....	1 00	1	12	150	45	15	60	....	6	6	..	..	6	....	....	517	2	150
.....	20	3	24	115	5		5	....	..	..	....	1	..	....	....	110	4	...
.....	50	6	48	300	7	....	7	1	1	1	....	2	1	....	1	401	1	...
.....	....	4	40	242	23	2	25	5	2	1	2	..	2	2	2	379	5	...
.	20	6	45	350	10	5	15	3	2	1	3	5	1	..	....	411	2	...
.....		1	5	30	5	..	5	1	..	1	..	..	1	..	....	161	....	...
235	2 75	47	363	2,540	142	66	218	26	16	3	11	17	16	3	4	3,998	30	154
.....	.....	2	14	150	10	....	10	5	2	..	2	..	1	..	....	142	4	...
.....	45	1	7	80	8	....	8	1	..	..	1	..	..	....	....	342	2	..
50	.. .	4	24	130	10		10	10	1	1	..	..	..	....	....	236	....	...
.....	.....	3	22	170	10	10	20	5	1	..	1	1	1	1	1	112	....	...

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Jamestown	38	178	1	2	1	....	1	600	..	.....	60	.....
Kingston	...	73	1	1	....	....	1	650	..	.....	.....	.....
Mount Vernon	24	263	...	5	....	..	4	1,750	1	125	1,100	.....
Newcomb and Jellico	65	79	..	1	...	1	2	3,672	..	.....	1,114	.....
New River	20	133	1	....	3	5	.	....	..	.....	.....	.....
Oliver Springs	14	108	3	2	18	20	1	500	..	.....	.....	.....
Rockwood	45	89	....	4	8	16	...	....	..	.....	.....	.....
Scarborough	31	230	4	6	12	5	5	2,235	1	300	65	.....
Sunbright and Oakdale	50	221	4	5	1	29	3	2,500	..	.....	950	.....
Totals	379	2,191	20	39	60	135	26	18,282	3	925	3,979	140
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.												
Emert Cove	90	140	1	4	....	13	4	1,250	..	.....	200	.....
Fair Garden	40	606	4	5	.	25	8	4,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Knox Circuit	19	360	1	7	4	29	5	7,000	..	.....	580	.....
Knoxville—Asylum St	11	152	3	3	..	3	1	8,000	..	.....	63	.....
Knoxville—Clinch St	15	460	5	8	5	34	1	36,000	..	.....	425	.....
Little River	10	254	1	4	.	10	2	1,500	..	.....	.....	.....
Loudon	48	251	2	5	2	15	4	4,000	..	.....	.....	20
Loveville	15	433	1	2	1	14	6	4,400	..	.....	20	.....
Maryville	75	557	....	11	2	42	5	5,000	1	300	150	.....
New Market	3	679	4	2	10	50	5	7,000	1	250	3,000	.....
New Salem	41	320	1	8	10	3	5	5,500	1	400	.....	.....
North Knoxville	3	28	..	....	..	..	..	....	..	.....	.....	.....
Sevierville	88	559	2	4	13	37	8	9,500	1	1,000	110	.....
Thorn Grove	23	396	3	3	7	19	4	2,400	1	350	.....	.....
Totals	481	5,194	28	66	54	294	58	95,550	5	2,300	4,548	20
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.												
Big Valley	50	350	5	3	9	48	9	2,500	..	.....	1,500	.....
Burem	8	16	1		....	2	..	....	..	.....	.....	.....
Fincastle	32	240	2	4	3	.	5	7,300	1	400	10	.....
Maynardville	39	337	3	1	28	18	4	2,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Morristown and Clifton	7	90	1	1	3	2	1	5,000	..	.....	.....	22
Morrlstown Circuit	23	292	1	2	3	4	8	5,000	..	.....	40	.....
Newport	34	334	1	2	3	4	6	3,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Parrottsville	25	271	1	3	3	9	2	1,500	..	.....	.....	.....
Rogersville	4	64	2	....	.	6	1	1,800	..	.....	.....	.....
Rogersville Circuit	40	311	3	6	16	4	4	2,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Rutledge	20	400	-3	..	.	.	5	3,000	..	.....	400	.....
Sneedville	158	340	5	5	4	14	6	2,400	..	.....	113	.....
Speedwell	65	296	1	1	2	....	4	2,250	..	.....	.....	.....
Tazewell	44	446	8	3	.	4	5	2,000	..	.....	150	.....
Whitesburg	10	198	..	3	1	9	3	2,000	..	.....	.....	.....
Total	559	3,975	37	34	75	124	63	41,700	1	400	2,213	22
RECAPITULATION.												
Athens	323	2,953	33	29	52	89	47	35,500	2	475	2,350	.....
Chattanooga	346	2,093	19	18	21	170	25	100,132	4	1,205	3,104	45
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Morristown	559	3,975	37	34	75	124	63	41,700	1	400	2,213	22
Grand Total	2,413	20,622	160	228	348	960	266	338,789	19	10,005	16,634	447

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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	....	4	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	40	....	....
.....	15	1	10	70	2	8	10	2	..	..	2	..	..	....	....	540	2	....
.....	.....	6	43	210	15	....	15	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	163	....	....
2,208	25	2	10	125	10	....	13	....	..	1	....	2	1	....	....	367	10	....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	....	14	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	63	2	....
.....	.....	1	5	40	21	....	21	1	..	..	2	..	..	....	....	201	1	....
.....	10	3	26	100	15	....	15	2	2	1	....	..	..	....	....	321	1	....
.....	2	4	28	233	10	....	10	2	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	165	4	....
.....	.....	2	17	84	14	....	14	1	..	..	1	..	..	....	....	248	....	....
2,258	97	29	206	1,392	143	18	164	29	6	3	9	3	3	1	1	2,840	26	....
.....	.....	2	15	75	6	....	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	....	233	1	....
.....	5	6	42	349	9	4	13	4	..	2	1	..	..	1	1	300	6	....
400	.....	5	31	238	14	36	50	5	1	..	....	2	..	....	....	383	5	....
.....	124	1	17	160	24	11	35	3	..	1	2	1	..	....	....	692	5	....
.....	525	2	37	370	100	200	300	75	5	5	75	14	8	90	31	1,632	40	246
.....	.....	4	32	160	.....	.....	.....	4	2	2	1	....	1	1	....	269	5	....
180	50	4	40	240	15	5	20	3	1	1	1	....	1	1	....	400	2	....
.....	.....	2	14	90	17	1	18	6	1	3	3	2	2	1	1	317	4	....
20	.....	3	36	218	18	12	30	3	1	1	1	1	1	34	1	582	4	....
.....	75	4	42	300	20	15	35	13	..	..	....	2	..	....	....	416	3	....
.....	75	4	29	201	20	25	45	5	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	374	5	....
....	.....	1	13	140	10	....	10	7	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	20	....	....
.....	40	3	35	224	7	23	30	8	2	2	2	3	1	5	5	554	10	5
.....	.....	5	42	247	29	1	30	11	1	1	5	3	1	3	1	366	5	....
600	894	46	423	3,012	289	333	622	140	16	20	96	30	17	138	41	6,538	95	251
.....	.....	4	20	200	18	8	26	8	1	1	....	..	..	....	....	205	....	....
.....	.....	1	5	25	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	10	....	....
.....	.....	2	18	100	20	6	26	5	..	..	4	6	..	....	....	326	....	....
.....	.....	3	18	80	9	....	9	1	..	..	1	..	..	....	....	101	....	....
1,600	100	1	10	80	10	5	15	5	2	2	1	3	..	....	....	444	2	....
.....	24	3	17	150	14	....	14	....	..	..	..	..	..	....	....	200	1	....
.....	.....	5	34	237	4	....	4	1	2	1	....	1	..	....	....	80	....	....
.....	.....	5	20	160	7	15	22	1	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	253	1	....
.....	50	1	9	75	7	2	9	2	..	..	....	1	1	....	....	156	2	....
.....	.....	1	4	37	10	10	20	3	1	1	....	..	2	....	....	178	3	....
.....	.....	4	15	150	12	....	12	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	139	....	....
.....	.....	4	35	300	15	....	15	5	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	160	....	....
.....	.....	4	27	235	18	....	18	....	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	180	....	....
.....	.....	2	12	100	11	....	11	1	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	92	....	....
.....	.....	3	18		10	....	10	1	..	..	....	..	..	....	....	93	....	....
1,600	174	43	262	2,028	165	46	211	33	6	5	6	11	3	....	....	2,617	9	....
.....	300	39	266	790	138	109	247	39	5	3	13	30	4	1	....	3,439	31	....
1,970	953	24	206	1,776	333	186	519	99	24	16	49	84	25	135	1	4,712	81	600
235	275	47	363	2,540	142	66	218	26	16	3	11	17	16	3	4	3,998	30	....
2,258	97	29	206	1,392	143	18	164	29	6	3	9	3	3	1	1	2,840	26	....
600	894	46	423	3,012	289	333	622	140	16	20	96	30	17	138	41	6,538	95	251
1,600	174	43	262	2,028	165	46	211	33	6	5	6	11	3	....	....	2,617	9	....
6,663	2,693	229	1,726	11,538	1210	758	1,981	366	73	50	184	175	68	280	47	23,144	272	851

STATISTICS No. 2,

NAME OF CHARGE.	Name of Pastor.	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. Pastors. Claims, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Pastors. Receipts, including House Rent, or Rental Value of Parsonages.	Pastors. Deficiencies.	Presiding Elders. Apportioned.	Presiding Elders. Paid.	Bishops. Apportioned.	Bishops. Paid.	Conf. Claimants. Apportioned.	Conf. Claimants. Paid.
ATHENS DISTRICT.										
Athens	L.H.Woodworth	$ 600	$ 600	..	50	50	....	1	...	2
Athens Circuit	J. N. Kendall	500	350	150	50	22	8	..	6	4
Blue Spring	J. F. M. Dugan	365	230	135	80	30	8	..	10	..
Chatata	J. F. Perry.	400	331	68	65	40	....	3	10	5
Cleveland	H. J.Van Fossen	550	550	...	40	40	8	8	15	15
Cleveland Circuit	H. H. Burk	250	185	65	60	30	2	2	....	3
Decatur	D. J. Nelson	350	330	20	36	30	5	..	15	1
Ducktown	G. M. Stone	200	38	162	25	18	2	..	2	1
Madisonville	T. A Cass.	350	260	89	35	25	5	1	10	1
North Athens	J. W. Edwards.	.....	8	.	..	....	..	..	..	.
Ooltewah	A. M. Rose	200	57	143	35	17	4	..	8	1
Sweetwater and Philada.	I. H. Miller.	90	100	....	25	26	....	..	....	....
Tellico	J. N. H. Miller	200	126	74	20	12	3	..	3	
Totals		4,055	3,165	906	491	340	45	15	79	33
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT										
Brayton	W. J. Kerley.	.....	2	...	....	.....	....	..	....	...
Chattanooga, 1st Church	A. B. Riker	2,000	2,000	.....	150	150	25	25	40	68
Mission Ridge	J. M. Mason	200	200	..	30	30	....	..	....	
Montgomery Avenue	T. C. Carter	.....	.....	.....	30	23	....	.		....
Dayton	W. C. Miller	472	150	322	40	40	...	..	..	....
Graysville	J. D. Winchester	350	330	20	40	40	5	..	10	6
Hill City	J. H. Gillespie	100	101	.....	25	25	2	2	2	2
Jasper	M. M. Murrell	300	168	132	40	42	4		8	....
Pikeville	J. J. Krichbaum	240	200	40	32	32	2	1	2	1
South Pittsburg	John Swiney.	300	143	157	35	42	3	2	3	1
Cameron and St. Elmo	L. C. Barrow	150	77	73	12	4	....	..	..	....
Spring City	J. L. Neely	250	159	91	32	29	....	.	..	....
Tracy City	J. W. McGee	545	283	262	45	43	2		4	
Hamilton Circuit	W. D. Smith	312	205	107	40	42	5	3	10	2
Totals		5,219	4,018	1,204	551	542	48	33	79	20
GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.										
Chucky City	T. S. Walker	500	500	.....	60	60	5	5	12	....
Elizabethton & Roan Mt.	W. R. Byerly	31	31	...	25	22	....	....	....	...
Ervin	F. H. Little.	360	300	60	30	9	3	..	3	....
Fall Branch	G. B. Cox.	450	358	92	60	60	5	2	10	2
Greeneville	J. D. Droke.	460	* 460	.....	40	40	9	1	10	2
Greeneville Circuit	B. Crist	450	275	175	50	12	7	3	5	2
Johnson City	J. W. Mann.	450	450	.....	60	60	7	7	12	2
Jonesboro Circuit	J. N. Baker	250	95	155	40	20	....	....	....	4
Kingsport	S. G. Ketron	360	360	..	50	50	4	1	5	1
Mountain City	W. C. Daily.	325	356	..	50	50	6	4	5	5
Oakland	T. H. Hodge	545	360	185	50	48	....	3	....	2
Watauga	J. C. Hodge	255	140	115	32	21	....	..	....	....
Totals		4,436	3,585	782	547	452	46	26	60	20
KINGSTON DISTRICT.										
Andersonville	W. D. Gorman	200	117	83	25	25	....	..	4	4
Clinton and Coal Creek	J. A. Baker	325	306	19	35	35	2	1	2	1
Crossville	S. B. Scott	300	200	100	36	36	....	..	..	....
Emory Gap	L. K. McNeil	100	87	13	25	25	....	..		1

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Jamestown	A. B. Hale	$ 100	$ 30	70	20	10	....	..	....	....
Kingston	R. S. Sampson	500	500	.....	40	40	....	..	5	2
Mt. Vernon	A. Dahuff	312	147	175	20	15	2	..	2	....
Newcomb and Jellico	W. S. Cagle	400	327	73	40	40	....	..	..	10
New River	Jas. B. Cobble	110	89	21	30	28	2	2	4	2
Oliver Springs	A. B. Wright	250	170	80	40	.....	....	1	2	1
Rockwood	J. S. Albright	300	300	.....	30	21	3	..	5	1
Scarboro	S. Greear	200	135	65	28	28	2	2	....	4
Sunbright and Oakdale	H. B. Ogle	333	224	109	30	21	2	2	4	1
Totals		3,330	2,132	798	399	324	13	8	28	27
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.										
Emert Cove	G.W. Clendenen	233	233	.....	20	20	1	1	1	1
Fair Garden	R. C. Robertson	380	300	80	60	60	4	2	12	6
Knoxville, Asylum Street	J. A. Ruble	800	640	160	48	48	6	4	6	5
" Clinch Street	L. E. Prentiss	1,500	1,500	.....	120	120	12	12	21	40
Little River	R. O. Ayres	300	240	60	39	27	2	2	6	5
Loudon	T. H. Russell	325	325	.....	60	39	....	1	....	2
Loveville	P. H. Henry	400	277	122	60	36	5	4	5	4
Maryville	D. S. Hodsden	725	495	235	90	83	8	4	12	4
New Market	W. T. Senter	350	300	50	60	58	6	2	....	....
New Salem	M. A. Rule	400	318	82	60	52	7	5	7	5
North Knoxville	J. S. Jones	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Sevierville	J. A. Nicholson	500	485	15	90	69	....	2	....	10
Thorn Grove	J. M. Durham	400	306	94	60	55	5	5	5	5
Knox Circuit	T. R. West	400	324	76	60	54	7	5	7	5
Totals		6,713	5,763	974	827	721	63	49	82	92
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.										
Big Valley	J. L. McKenzie	200	175	25	30	.....	....	..	3	....
Burem	W. S. Bandy	40	10	30	.....	.....	....	....	....	....
Fincastle	A. Y. Snaveley	335	267	68	40	40	....	....	....	....
Maynardville	J. B. Seaton	164	70	94	30	30	2	1	2	....
Morristown and Clifton	J. P. Morton	290	190	100	30	23	....	..	5	2
Newport	N. M. Baldwin	140	55	85	25	25	2	..	5	....
Parrottsville	I. H. Reneau	250	216	34	40	37	....	..	6	1
Rogersville	J. H. Amis	325	144	181	21	11	1	1	5	2
Rogersville Circuit	G. M. Hicks	250	155	95	40	23	3	..	5	3
Rutledge	Wm. Kinsland	.....	100	.....	40	39	....	....	....	....
Sneedville	A. G. Cadle	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	....	....	....	....
Speedwell	H. W. McKenzie	200	155	45	25	25	....	....	....	....
Tazewell	P. W. Shockley	210	69	141	30	23	2	..	3	....
Whitesburg	P. H. Reed	150	75	75	24	18	2	..	5	....
Totals		2,554	1,681	973	375	344	12	2	36	8

TREASURER'S REPORT,

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missionary Society.		Board of Church Extension.		Sunday-School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmens' Aid and Southern Education Society.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
ATHENS DISTRICT.										
Athens	54		3						9	
Athens Circuit	20		2						2	
Blue Spring	5		1		1		1		1	
Chatata	36		5		1					
Cleveland	60		12		2		2		6	
Cleveland Circuit	16		3						1	
Decatur	30		12						1	
Ducktown	5		1							
Madisonville	1									
North Athens										
Ooltewah	9				1					
Sweetwater and Phila	7									
Tellico	3									
Total	246		39		5		3		20	
CHATTANOOGA DISTRICT.										
Brayton	4		2						2	
Chattanooga, 1st Church	300		60		20		15		40	
Cameron and St. Elmo	12									
Mission Ridge	25		5							
Montgomery Avenue	6									
Dayton	20									
Graysville	21		5							
Hamilton	12		5		1					
Hill City	25		8		1		1		3	
Jasper	15		5		2		2		1	
Pikeville	9		4		1				2	
South Pitsburg	20		5		1					
Spring City	15		3							
Tracy City	20		2							
Total	504		104		26		18		48	
GREENEVILLE DISTRICT.										
Chucky City	17		5		1		1		2	
Elizabethton and Roan Mt.	1		1						1	
Ervin										
Fall Branch	10		1		1		1		1	
Greeneville	50		5		2		1			
Greeneville Circuit	13		4		1				2	
Johnson City		60				6		6		
Jonesboro										
Jonesboro Circuit	5									
Kingsport	7		1		1		1			
Mountain City	25		5		2		1		2	
Oakland	15		3		2		1		3	
Watauga	5		1				1			
Total	148	60	26		10	6	7	6	11	
KINGSTON DISTRICT.										
Andersonville	10		5		2				2	
Clinton and Coal Creek	8		1						1	
Crossville	10			10	1		1			
Emory Gap	20		5		1				1	

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Education.		Bible Society.		Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.		Woman's Home Miss'y Society.		Episcopal Fund.		Conference Claimants.		Recapitulation.		
Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Total Cash	Total Vouchers.	Total Cash and Vouchers.
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7	23	4		1	2			16		31		347	25	372
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

NAMES OF CHARGES.	Missionary Society.		Board of Church Extension.		Sunday-School Union.		Tract Society.		Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.	
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.
Jamestown	4									
Genessee										
Kingston	10		2						2	
Mount Vernon	15									
Newcomb and Jellico	20						1			
New River	14									
Oliver Springs	20		1						2	
Rockwood	15		2		2		1			
Scarborough	10		2							
Sunbright and Oakdale	14		1						1	
Total	170		19	10	6		3		9	
KNOXVILLE DISTRICT.										
Emert's Cove	6		3		1		1		1	
Fair Garden	13		4				2		1	
Knox Circuit	50		5		1					
Knoxville—Asylum St	35		3				1		2	
Knoxville—Clinch St	229	72	75		5		5		25	60
Knoxville—North	10		7							
Little River	10		4		2		1		1	
Loudon	20		3		1		1		1	
Loveville	17		6		1		3		3	
Maryville	30		3		1		1		1	
New Market	35		13							
New Salem	45		5		1		1		4	
Sevierville	30		8		1		1		4	
Thorn Grove	30		11		1		1		5	
Totals	560	72	150		15		18		48	60
MORRISTOWN DISTRICT.										
Big Valley	26		8		1		1			
Fincastle	26		5							
Morristown and Clifton	15		5		2		2		1	
Morristown	14		1							
Newport	4		1		2		1			
Parrottsville	22		1							
Rogersville Station	9		2							
Rogersville Circuit	20		3		1		1			
Rutledge	12									
Sneedville	15		5							
Speedwell	18									
Tazewell	11		1							
Whitesburg	10		1							
Maynardville	9		1						1	
Total	211		34		6		5		2	
RECAPITULATION.										
Athens District	246		39		5		3		20	
Chattanooga District	504		104		26		18		48	
Greeneville District	148	60	26		10	6	7	6	11	
Kingston District	170		19	10	6		3		9	
Knoxville District	560	72	150		15		18		48	60
Morristown District	211		34		6		5		2	
Grand Totals	1859	132	372	10	68	6	54	6	138	60

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Education.		Bible Society.		Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society.		Woman's Home Miss'y Society.		Episcopal Fund.		Conference Claimants.		Recapitulation.		
Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Total Cash	Total Vouchers.	Total Cash and Vouchers.
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										1		21		21
								2		4		18		18
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1		1		1		1		5		5		70		70
2		1		4		5		2		10		68		68
3		1		3		1		5		5		66		66
29	10	9	8	13	124	10		49		92		993	274	1267
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8		3		1				3		9		283		283
7	23	4		1	2			16		31		347	25	372
36	51	21	2	10	125	1		33		81		882	178	1060
12	9	16		3		4		18	7	18	2	273	90	363
4		4		1		1		9		27		253	10	263
29	10	9	8	13	124	10		49		92		993	274	1267
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96	93	57	10	29	251	16		128	7	258	2	3031	577	3608

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